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Lesson 25: Humanity: Relationships in Life

Scriptures:

Genesis 1:26-31; Genesis 37:2-11; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 24:19; 1 Samuel 1:21-28; Jeremiah 1:6-7, 31:33; 32:38-40; Matthew 5:1-7:6; Ephesians 5:21-33

Lesson Goals:

To assist the learner to understand our need to have a good relationship with God
To assist the learner to understand the relationships in family
To assist the learner to understand relationships in society

Scripture Memory:

The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.” Genesis 2:18

The Lesson:

Humans all need relationships. We are somewhat like a piano. You can sit a piano in a room and it looks good. Most pianos are beautiful. However, if you find someone who can play the piano...who can put their fingers on the white and black keys in just the right way...the piano will make beautiful music. A piano is a piano without music. However, it is not complete, as far as its purpose is concerned, without someone to help make music.

The same can be said for humans. Humans are human without a friend or partner. However, humans never reach their full potential, or their purpose, until they have relationships. We need other humans.

The first and most important relationship for humans is with God. God created us to have relationship with Him. It is very important that we try to have a good relationship with God. That relationship is established by believing in Jesus, God’s Son who came into the world to die for our sins. By doing that, He made a way for us to have a close, personal relationship with God. Actually, by believing in Jesus and what He did for us, God becomes our Father. He is our Heavenly and eternal Father.

God also established other relationships for humans. He helped us know how to have good relationships with our family and others. When parents have children, the children become the responsibility of the parents. They are to care for them just as God cares for His children. The Bible says that it is the responsibility of the parents to teach their children the best way to live. Parents should love, teach, and protect their children, just as God does us. Sometimes parents don’t do that very well.

There are different reasons why parents don’t live up to their responsibility. And, when that happens, children have to do the best they can. It is so good to know that God, our Heavenly Father, will never fail us. Parents who don’t do what they should do sin against their children and against God. They owe it to both to ask for their forgiveness.

Children are to obey their parents. The Bible is very clear about that. Actually, one of the Ten Commandments God gave to His people was that we should respect our parents. Sometimes children disobey their parents. That is a sin, and children should not only ask their parents’ forgiveness, but also God’s forgiveness.

Humans are to have good relationships with all of God’s creation. God told Adam and Eve that they were to be in charge of all creatures. Humans are to see that all of God’s creatures are treated with respect and protected from unreasonable harm.

Also, we are to have good relationships with other humans in the world. We are to be sure that all hu-

mans are respected and protected from harm. Jesus says that we should always try to be a good influence on others. We should always treat others with dignity. Life should be valued. We are not to lie to one another. We are not to steal from one another.* We are to always care for the poor, to see that they have enough to eat and provide them shelter.

Life Application:

Humans never reach their full potential, or their purpose, until they have relationships. We need other humans, but the first and most important relationship for humans is with God. God created us to have relationship with Him. It is very important that we try to have a good relationship with God. That relationship is established by believing in Jesus, God's Son, who came into the world to die for our sins. Mark 5:36 says, "Do not be afraid any longer, only believe." Because "as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1:12-13) Beyond believing, which is your part, salvation is the work and gift of God. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

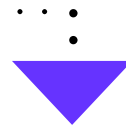
So, will you leave your fears behind, step out in faith, and believe? You know, He's waiting for you. God longs for relationship with us as much as we need a relationship with Him.

And if you already have a relationship with God, the most important relationship you could have, let it affect all of your other relationships. Your part of the relationship you have with parents, spouses, siblings, co-workers, etc. should be better because of your relationship with God. Can the people around you tell that you walk with God?

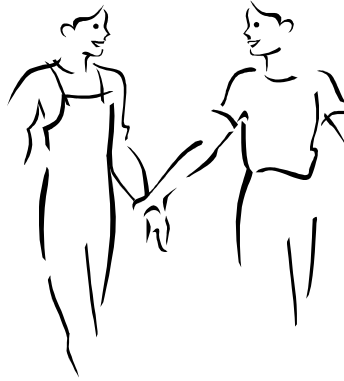
* From the Ten Commandments - see Exodus 20:1-17



Planning for Lesson 26
Humanity: Death
and Eternity



- ◆ **Memory Verse Activity** - Pair up to practice the memory verse. Talk about the importance of others in our lives.
- ◆ If you have access to a Bible concordance, look up verses that pertain to friendships and relationships. Search by words like friend, brother, etc.
- ◆ Pair up your students. Blind fold one of each pair. Instruct the other students to maneuver their team member through obstacles that you will place in your Bible study area. Do this with each pair until all have had an opportunity to participate.
- ◆ See how well your students know their fellow students. Instruct each student to think of two things that correctly describe them or what they like. Encourage them to also think of something else that could describe them, but doesn't - a lie. Each student must share with their fellow students, one at a time or round robin style. Keep track of how many students knew which statement was the lie.
- ◆ Sing "This is My Commandment," "Touch Through Me," "Shake a Friend's Hand," "As the Deer," "Where Do I Go?," and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."
- ◆ **Dig Deeper:** Think about your relationships. Think about all that you know about your husband, wife, boyfriend, girlfriend, friend, brother or sister. Talk about relationships and what they add to our lives. Ask your students what their most important relationship should be. Review the lesson saying, "The first and most important relationship for humans is with God. God created us to have relationship with Him." Ask your students if they know as much about God as they know about their friend, sister, husband, etc. Who occupies their thoughts? End with Jeremiah 29:13 and Psalm 42:1.



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for the man to be alone;
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Genesis 2:18**

Read Jeremiah 1:6-7. Does age matter when God asks us to do something? Find out by filling in the spaces of the verse that follows. Use the words given.

But the _ _ _ _ said to me,

“Do not say,

‘I’m only a _ _ _ _ .’

You must _ _ to

_ _ _ _ _ I send you to.

You must say _ _ _ _ _

I command you to say.”

Word Box

everything

Lord

child

everyone

go

Word Search



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love

honor

respect

care for

provide

pray for

no jealousy

give

faithful

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