

# PEOPLE

## WEEK ONE | PEOPLE ARE PURPOSE

### YOU HAVE TO PUT RELATIONSHIPS IN THEIR PLACE

Healthy relationships begin  
with God at the center.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.

"YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREAT COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'"

JOHN 15:7-8

Most of us use a GPS app on our phone or in our cars. Thankfully, the days of physical maps are long gone. Those maps never refolded the right way for me anyway. There are two keys to getting the most out of your GPS system: knowing your starting point and knowing your final destination. Once you've input the information the app does the rest of the work! Now I don't mean to make relationships sound so simplistic but the truth is many people have messed up the two most important pieces of information.

Let's just start with that first piece. What is your starting point? We see from Scripture that people are part of God's purpose for us. From the very beginning, God intended that Adam not be alone. In fact, this was the first time that God said there was something going on in the garden that wasn't good. His answer was to fashion Eve and commission the first husband and wife to be fruitful and multiply...to make people. Fast forward to the end of the Bible to the Book of Revelation and Heaven itself is pictured as an eternal place where multitudes are dwelling together worshipping God. It's clear that in this life and the next God's will for you is people, therefore it's in your best interest to learn to handle the people in your life God's way.



### WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek Neider. Video sessions are available for download at [www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS](http://www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS)



### PRAY (10 min)

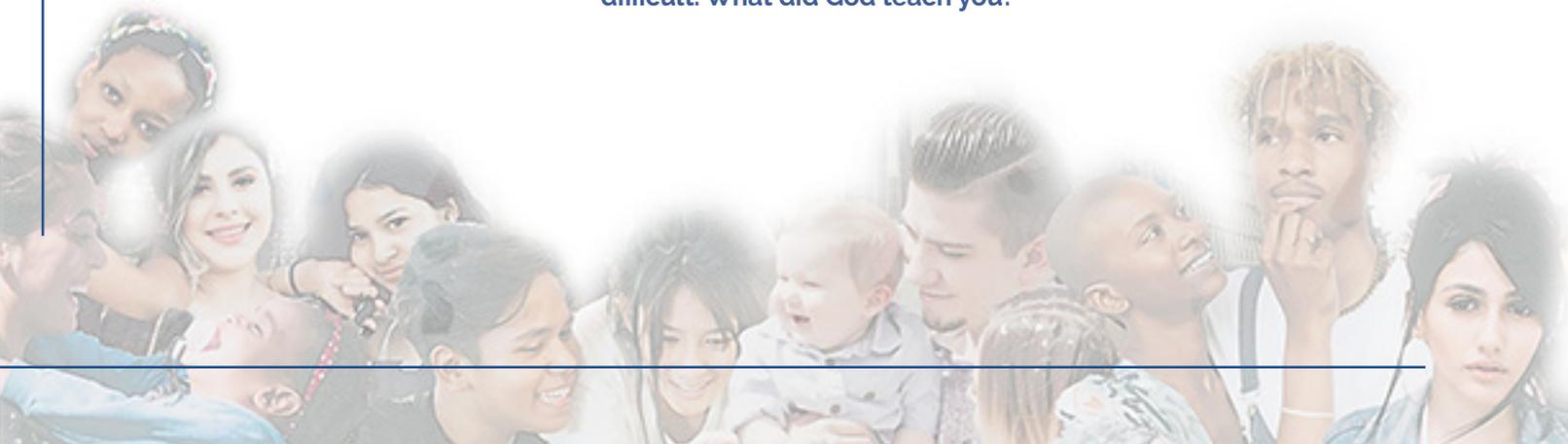
As a Home Group, take a moment and share, as it relates to your relationships, one victory God has given you and one area that you need to grow in. answered prayer.



### REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

- **Many of us assume that relationships are easy. Describe a time you were surprised at how difficult a relationship was and why it was difficult. What did God teach you?**



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Genesis 2:18-22

Answered prayer comes it terms and conditions. Namely God's terms and conditions.

- **The people in your life are a blessing and gift from God to you. This was His divine purpose from the beginning of creation. Make a list of your closest relationships. Pray and thank God for each person you have listed.**

For associations with others to be right, you have to be in order. That means having God at the center of your life and in the center of your relationships.

- **Are there areas in your life that haven't been surrendered to God that may also be negatively impacting a relationship?**
- **Explain that in detail. Prayerfully commit those areas to God and bring them under His will.**

**"RELATIONSHIPS AREN'T ABOUT WHAT YOU GET THEY'RE ABOUT WHAT YOU GIVE."**

God wants to make you a dynamic force for His love in the lives of others. In fact, this is why He places people in your life.

- **In your relationships, are you more focused on getting from people or giving God's love to them?**
- **Is there any self-centered attitude that you need to confess to God and forgiveness you need to receive from someone?**

**"WHEN THINGS AREN'T RIGHT WITH GOD THEY WON'T BE RIGHT WITH PEOPLE."**



### REACH 5 MIN.

Considering what God revealed to you this week, how can you be more God centered in your relationships?

**Take one relationship that hasn't had the right starting point, start over beginning with God's purpose and, as Jesus said, love that person as you would love yourself.**

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**Next week we will be anxiously awaiting your praise report about how God strengthened you to overcome.**