

PEOPLE

WEEK THREE || PREPARE FOR HARD WORK



PEOPLE ARE A WORK IN PROGRESS

Relationships take hard work and faithfulness.

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.

"FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM."

Ephesians 2:10

Every year I take our graduating seniors to Israel for their class trip. This year's trip was extra special because our daughter Hanna is in this graduating class. She's always wanted to visit Paris so on our way back from Israel we split from the group and spent a few days in France. Of all the different places we visited, the great cathedral of Notre Dame was her favorite. It's astonishing to consider that this massive and sacred structure took nearly 200 years to construct. The two bell towers, and the intricate stain glass reliefs were stunning. Understandably, Notre Dame is one of the top destinations for travelers. I'm amazed and thankful that over 200 years and with great difficulty the builders never quit.

Unfortunately, it was only two weeks later that we watched in shock as this beautiful building was engulfed in flames. This reminds me of two things concerning our relationships. First, your relationships are much more valuable than any man-made structure, and they will also take time and effort to build the right way. Second, it's sobering but all of that hard work and investment can be destroyed in mere moments if you're not wise.



WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek Neider. Video sessions are available for download at www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS



PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment and share how God has helped you stay strong in the midst of a relationship difficulty. Briefly share that experience and pray for those in the group who may be walking through similar challenges.



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.

Everyone experiences difficulty in their relationships, without exception. As Christians, we are all under construction. In other words, God is working on our lives, and if He is working on our lives He is working on those around us too.

- **Are you sensitive to God's work in the lives of others? How could you be more supportive to those around you as God is working in them?**



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"I THEREFORE, THE PRISONER OF THE LORD, BESEECH YOU TO WALK WORTHY OF THE CALLING WITH WHICH YOU WERE CALLED, WITH ALL LOWLINESS AND GENTLENESS, WITH LONGSUFFERING, BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE, ENDEAVORING TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE."

Ephesians 4:1-3

We live in a culture that views relationships as disposable, when things become too difficult just get new friends, a new spouse etc.

- **Do you see a tendency in your life to quit or pull away when things get hard?**
- **Is there a person in your life that you are quitting on? How does God want you to handle this situation? and forgiveness you need to receive from someone?**

"HOPE COMES WHEN YOU CHOOSE TO SEE FROM GOD'S PERSPECTIVE NOT YOUR OWN."

One day we will stand before God and give an account for how we handled the people in our lives.

- **If today was that day, what relationship situations would He be displeased with? How are you going to address those issues? and forgiveness you need to receive from someone?**



REACH 5 MIN.

Considering what God revealed to you this week:

How can you be more faithful with the people that God has placed in your life?

Next week we will be anxiously awaiting your praise report about how God is working in the midst of any relationship difficulty.



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