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## It's All Relational

### MAIN THING

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### SCRIPTURE

Genesis 3:1-6, Mark 12:28-30, Psalm 139:24

### ICEBREAKER

Think of one thing that someone has done for you, that you didn't expect, simply because they loved you. What was it?

### OPENING THOUGHT

We've spent the last four weeks looking at the discipleship process Jesus walked His disciples through. For many people, all they will see is a process. A program. A checklist. This was never Jesus' intention. The basis of discipleship, and the Christian faith in general, is relationship. Christianity cannot be understood outside the context of relationship with God. Trying to disciple others without emphasizing relationship turns it into a cold to-do list devoid of any power or significance. That, unfortunately, is what discipleship (and the Christian faith in particular) has become for far too many people.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. Understand that sin is relational- that it's a relational break with God akin to committing adultery- puts everything in a different context. In fact, without understanding sin in a relational context, many times we see sin as something like breaking the speed limit or jaywalking. How does understanding sin as a relational break change your view of what God commands?
3. What is something that you have done out of love, simply because you loved the person?
4. What is something that you have done out of love, simply because you loved God?

### LIFE APPLICATION

It's all relational. Once you understand that God is relational, sin is relational, and discipleship is relational, your Christian faith takes on an entirely new dynamic. We move from a cold, distant, to-do list of demands to an authentic faith in Christ. The Christian faith is one that is lived in constant love and gratitude towards God, not out of obligation. Time for self-reflection- is your faith in God driven more by gratitude or by obligation?

### CHALLENGE

From Dave: This week's message was a "heart-check" challenge. The four-chair discipleship model is a fantastic way of understanding what Jesus did with His disciples. However, it is nothing more than a stale checklist if we try to understand it outside of relationship. The Bible tells us to "love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength" and everything flows from that. This coming Sunday is a "next-step" Sunday where you will be challenged to take the next step in your walk with Christ. These next steps need to be taken out of love for God and in the context of relationship with Him. What "next steps" are you planning on making this week?