



Real Relationships

Jesus' #Real-Relationship Method

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REAL-Relationship seems impossible in our social media “friends” driven culture. However, we were created to do life together through REAL-relationships. During His time on earth, Jesus modeled REAL-relationships as they are intended to be, and He is the one who makes REAL-relationships possible.

There are three levels of Real-relationships:

Mentoring

Mentoring is an “all-in” commitment to pour ourselves into the life of a person so that the person can become all that God intends for the person to be.

Coaching

Coaching is a “targeted” effort by which we help the person maximize his/her gifts on areas in which we have certain proficiency, so that they can be at their best.

Encouraging

Encouragement is one of the areas of mentoring or coaching and it is basically intended to improve the person’s sense of self-worth and self-esteem in the process of being either mentored or coached. -Gustavo Crocker

1. In your own words, describe what a mentor does?

2. In your own words, describe what a coach does?

Jesus chose His Real-relationships (John 15:16 Message). Jesus exemplifies the Real-relationship method.

- Jesus lived out an unbroken relationship of intimate fellowship with God. *John 10:30*
- Jesus developed a personal relationship marked by accessibility, availability, and simplicity. *John 10:14*
- Jesus led by example; He modeled before He taught. *Acts 1:1*

- Jesus loved them.

John 15:9

3. Which of the above are most important to you in a relationship? Why?

Jesus focused on developing their potential rather than focusing on their weaknesses.

John 1:40-42

Jesus empowered them and gave them opportunities to practice what they had learned.

Luke 9:2

4. Do you have someone in your life who is developing your potential?

5. Do you have opportunities to practice what you learn from biblical teaching?

- Jesus displayed humility, transparency, and authenticity.

Hebrews 4:15

- Jesus prayed for them.

John 17:20-21

- Jesus developed a friendship with them.

John 15:13-15

6. Which of the above would be most important to you in a mentor or coach? Why?

- Jesus created in them a passion to do life with others through Real-relationships.

Matthew 28:18-20

7. Which of Jesus' Real-relationship methods would you like to begin practicing in your own relationships?

This week, begin by asking yourself; 1) Am I being mentored, coached, or encouraged?

2) Am I mentoring, coaching, or encouraging anyone?

Family Connect Discussion Starter:

Ask your family members to describe the best relationship they have with someone. Ask them what makes it a good relationship. Discuss how they can have a good relationship with other people in their lives.