

# GOD OF RELATIONSHIPS

*God is a relational God. He exists in the Trinity (Father, Son, & Holy Spirit), and invites us into an intimate relationship with Him, through Jesus' death and resurrection on the cross. Because God is relational, He created us to be relational. This week's devotional is going to focus on different relationships in our lives.*

## **DAY 1: RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

*Read:* John 1:14, Hebrews 4:14-16

*Reflect/Pray:* Spend some time in quiet meditation. How is your relationship with God? Be as honest as possible with yourself. What obstacles are keeping you from a deeper relationship with God? What actions grow your relationship with God? How can you change or surrender your obstacles and make time for the actions that will bring a deeper intimacy?

## **DAY 2: RELATIONSHIPS AT HOME**

*Read:* John 15:12-17

*Reflect:* Who are people in your life that you are closest to (spouses, family, roommates, close friends)? What have those relationships taught you about God? What have you learned about yourself?

*Pray:* Pray for the closest relationships in your life (spouses, parents, children, roommates, close friends). Pray that they are centered around God and loving each other well. Pray that those relationships grow deeper and are a safe place. Confess (first to God and then to that person) of any hurts you may have caused. Pray and take opportunities this week to express how much those relationships mean to you and ways to show your love through action.

## **DAY 3: RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE HOUSE CHURCH**

*Read:* Ephesians 4:25-32

*Reflect:* How can you encourage your House Church this week? How can you help others in the House Church grow in their own relationship with Jesus? What are marks of healthy relationships? How can you help bring those markers to your House Church?

*Pray:* Pray for your House Church to continue to grow deeper in relationships with God and each other. Pray for unity in the House Church. Pray for vulnerability for yourself (and then others). Pray that House Church is a safe place for people to confess, learn, doubt, and be vulnerable and authentic with each other. Pray for fun and that your House Church enjoys and values time together.

## **DAY 4: RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR NEIGHBORS**

*Read:* Luke 10:25-37

*Reflect:* Who is your neighbor? Who (outside of the Church) have you been pouring into or pursuing? How can you love your neighbor well by sharing the Gospel?

*Pray:* Pray for the lost in your life. If no one comes to mind, pray that God will lay someone on your heart to pursue. Pray for boldness and creativity to share the Gospel. Pray that they will come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for patience in yourself- surrender to God the things you cannot control (like changing a heart).

## **Day 5: RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORLD**

*Read:* Matthew 28:18-20, Matthew 5:14-16

*Reflect:* How are you a light to the world? How can you be a part of reaching the nations with the Gospel, wherever you are?

*Pray:* Pray for the Gospel to reach the Nations. Pray for those out on the mission field and for more to be called to serve as missionaries. Pray for the persecuted church. Pray for our missions partners (list can be found at [www.thebridgemontrorse.org/missions](http://www.thebridgemontrorse.org/missions)).