

Cultivate Discussion Guide

Relational Remix – Changing the Way I Relate to God October 26 and 27, 2019

If you missed this weekend's message, view it at cultivate.sc/discussion
For more information on how we're using the enneagram, visit sandalschurch.com/enneagram

Tips for leaders:

- Prepare for your group. Your goal is to choose the questions that will lead your group into REAL conversation about the topics most meaningful to you. It's okay if you don't answer them all!
- To help everyone follow along, ask them to print the Discussion Guide or pull it up on their phone.
- If questions remain unanswered, encourage women to work through them as they cultivate God's word on their own throughout the week.

Read & Reflect: Pastor Matt emphasized the fact that Jesus is a Savior of sinners, but too often when it comes to sin we compare ourselves to others, instead of comparing ourselves to God. It's easy to say we believe God saves. It's much harder to admit we're the sinner He's saving.

"God's righteousness comes through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ for all who have faith in him. There's no distinction [no us or them]. All have sinned and fall short of God's glory, but all are treated as righteous freely by his grace because of a ransom that was paid by Christ Jesus." Romans 3:22-24 CEB

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." Romans 5:8 NLT

#1: We are ALL sinners. We ALL fall short. Is that easy for you to acknowledge or do you struggle admitting that? What do you attribute your perspective to?

#2: When it comes to sin, do you find yourself playing the comparison game? That could mean either holding others to a higher standard or being too hard on yourself.

Consider the enneagram and the "core sin" of your primary style. Remember, the first step is being REAL. Admitting our brokenness to ourselves, God and others brings us closer to discovering the beauty of who God has created us to be.

Type 1 – The Reformer: anger
Type 2 – The Helper: pride
Type 3 – The Achiever: lying
Type 4 – The Individualist: envy
Type 5 – The Observer: greed

Type 6 – The Loyalist: fear
Type 7 – The Enthusiast: gluttony
Type 8 – The Challenger: lust
Type 9 – The Peacemaker: laziness

#3: How does it feel to have your core sin identified? Is there some measure of freedom in knowing what you're dealing with?

#4: Share how your core sin reveals itself in your life. Do you have certain triggers (eg: conflict, injustice, social pressure, stress, etc.) or are there times when you're more vulnerable?

#5: We don't save ourselves from sin; Jesus does that for us. How is Jesus meeting you with grace, forgiveness, restoration or healing?

#6: Jesus doesn't ask us to be perfect, He desires we be obedient. What are some ways you need to be REAL with self, God and others in order to fight against sin in your life? Do you need to cultivate His word, avoid triggers, ask for help, confess, repent, seek accountability, be encouraged, etc.?

Dig Deeper Challenge: Complete the Personal Reflection Guide in the Sandals Church app to take a deeper look at how God can forgive, restore and strengthen us as we seek to be REAL, live out our faith and draw closer to Him.

Cultivate Prayer: Thank God for His generous gift of forgiveness. Jesus gave His life on the cross while we were yet sinners. He knew what we'd do and still He chose us. He keeps choosing us. We don't battle sin alone. He is with us and He is for us. You can rest confidently in the promise that when we confess our sin, He is faithful to forgive. Thank him for loving you that much and ask Him for what you need SO THAT you can actively pursue Him as you become the woman He created you to be.

Baptism Weekend: Whether baptism is your next step or one you've never made before, next weekend (Nov. 2/3) is your opportunity to declare your faith. Go to move.sc/baptism to sign up to be baptized with your campus community cheering you on!