

## THE ESSENTIALS: RELATIONSHIP

### 1John 4:7-12

In the New Testament, love is more of a verb than a noun. It has more to do with acting than with feeling. The call to love is not so much a call to a certain state of feeling as it is to a quality of action.

-R.C. Sproul

### 1. The Place of Scripture

- The authority of scripture

- Our alignment with scripture

## 2. The Priority of Relationship

- Love that distinguishes

- Love that demonstrates

- Love that displays

### Getting to Know You

1. Share a time that you remember when a fellow believer reached out to you to build a closer relationship.

### Into the Bible

2. This is a review of our series on the Psalms. Go to Psalm 119. It provides 176 reasons why God's word is of value to us. Choose 3-4 of those reasons to share with your group. Try to choose those that are especially important to us as a body that bases our values on scripture.

3. In Philippians 2:1-11, Paul says that the basis for our relationships with one another is imitation of Christ's selfless love. From the first four verses of that passage, what should our relationships be like?

## Application

4. In Romans 12:9-21, Paul gives some practical rules for our relationships in the body of Christ. Share with your group ways that you have found to put those rules into practice.

5. This is an exercise for your concordance or Bible search function. Find five places in the New Testament that give ways Christians should behave toward “one another”. How can we use those commands to build closer relationships here at Chapel City Church?

## For Families

6. Now that your children understand our Mission Statement, this week, memorize it together as a family. Don't be surprised when your children learn it faster than you do!