

## Small Group Study Week 2: "Experiencing More in Relationships"

### 1. Opening Prayer

- Start with a prayer asking for guidance, openness, and the Holy Spirit's presence during the study.

### 2. Introduction

- Briefly introduce the theme of the sermon: how to experience more in your relationships with God and others through five key principles.

### 3. Group Discussion: The Five Propellants

- **Stillness, Surrender, Sacrifice, Sanctification, and Embracing the Spirit's Power**
  - **Discussion Question:** How do these propellants influence your daily spiritual life? Can you share an example of how one of these has impacted a relationship?

### 4. Core Principles from the Sermon

#### a. Work

- **Scripture:** Colossians 3:23
- **Discussion:**
  - Why is effort important in maintaining relationships?
  - How does working on your relationships glorify God?

#### b. Commitment

- **Scripture:** Proverbs 16:3
- **Discussion:**
  - What does commitment look like in your relationships?
  - How does the concept of covenant challenge modern views on relationships?

#### c. Believing the Best

- **Scripture:** Philippians 2:3-4
- **Discussion:**
  - Share a time when you chose to believe the best about someone despite their actions. What was the outcome?
  - How does this principle mirror God's treatment of us?

#### **d. Humility**

- **Scripture:** Proverbs 16:18
- **Discussion:**
  - How can pride destroy relationships?
  - What practical steps can we take to cultivate humility in our interactions?

#### **e. Forgiveness**

- **Scripture:** Ephesians 4:32
- **Discussion:**
  - Why is forgiveness essential for moving forward in relationships?
  - Discuss the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation.

#### **5. Personal Reflection**

- **Activity:** Have members reflect silently for a moment on:
  - Which of these five principles do you find most challenging to implement?
  - What action can you take this week to apply one of these principles in your life?

#### **6. Prayer and Application**

- **Prayer:**
  - Pray for the strength and wisdom to apply these principles in daily life.
  - Ask for God's help in committing to, believing the best, being humble, and forgiving in all relationships.
- **Action Step:**
  - Encourage each member to choose one principle to focus on for the week and share how it went in the next meeting.

#### **7. Closing**

- Close with a prayer of thanksgiving for the group, the insights gained, and the commitment to grow in relationships with God and others.