



# Made for Relationship

1. Read Romans 1:11,12. As a Christian, what encourages you in your relationship with the Lord? What are ways that we can encourage each other?
2. Read John 13:14,15 and 1 Timothy 4:12. With the recent assassination of Charlie Kirk, regardless of what you thought about him, it is a fact that many Christians are saying that they want to stand up and serve Jesus more. Why do you think that is? Who is someone in your life, that because of their example, has inspired you to serve Christ?
3. Read Ephesians 4:11-14. What is this passage about? What does this say is the job of those who lead the church? Read 1 Corinthians 12:25,26. If this is what the leaders of the church do, who is responsible to meet our personal needs?
4. What does it mean to invest? Read Mark 10:28,29. What did Peter say he had invested to follow Jesus? What was Jesus' response? What percentage of return on investment did Jesus promise? Read Matthew 6:19-21. How do we lay up treasure in heaven?
5. What were the five things Pastor Rick said we must do in order to be better together? Which ones do you think you do a good job at and which ones do you need to be better at? How can we help each other as a group to be better at these?

## Answers

1. *Talk about ways we are encouraged and what we can do to encourage each other.*
2. *Charlie Kirk was an example of what it looks like for a Christian to stand up for his faith, lead people to Christ, and persuade people to live according to conservative values. Whether you agreed with what he said or not, he lived what he believed. When we see someone like this, their example inspires us to do the same because they actually show how it can be done.*
3. *This passage is about the process God put in place to grow the body of Christ. The leaders of the church are to teach, train, and equip the members of the body to do the ministry of the church. 1 Corinthians says that all of the parts of the body should care for the all of the other parts, it is the job of each believer to meet the needs of their fellow believers in their local church, this is the ministry of the body.*
4. *To invest is to deny yourself the use of something in order to get a larger return later on, we generally think of saving or investing money. Peter said that they had invested everything they had in order to follow Jesus and Jesus said anyone who invested anything in His purpose would get back 100 times as much in this world and in eternity. This is 10,000% return on investment. We lay up treasure in heaven any time we invest our time, our talents, or our possessions in order to accomplish the will of God in this world.*
5. *The five things are: a. Be a constant encouragement to others; b. Strengthen others by serving with them; c. Build others up until we all live what we say we believe; d. Invest in others with everything I've been given; and e. We are only better with Jesus living in and through us.*