

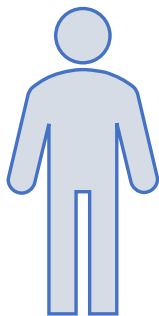
## STUDENT NOTES

**LECTURE 7 – ONE TO ANOTHER**

The Bible has much to say about ministering to one another. Beyond the collective nature of the church per se., there is a deep relational expectation throughout its pages.

**1. WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT EVERY PERSON YOU MEET.**

- Everyone is made in God's image.
- God's will for every human, is to be conformed to the image of his son, Jesus Christ (Romans 8:29 NLT).
- Everyone has a struggle, and everyone has a need because everyone is human.
- So, as humans, we are all sinners in need of the grace of God – therefore the Gospel will be sufficient for everyone, everywhere.

**2. THE DYNAMIC RELATIONSHIPS FOR PERSONAL GROWTH.**

Older

Peer to Peer

Younger

Spiritual mentoring is at the heart of the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. There is a sense that our “making disciples” is a means by which God grows us as well.

### 3. THE CONNECTION FACTORS FOR EFFECTIVE ONE ON ONE DISCIPLESHIP.

- Personal
- Relational
- Doctrinal

### 4. THE BIBLICAL PICTURE OF ONE ANOTHER DISCIPLESHIP.

- The Greek word ἀλλήλων means “one another” and is found some 100 times in the New Testament.
- There are a number of common themes as illustrated in the chart below:

Passage	Category	Author
Be at peace with one another (Mk 9:50)	Church/Relational Unity	Mark
Don't grumble among one another (Jn 6:43)		John
Be of the same mind with one another (Ro 12:16, 15:5)		Paul
Accept one another (Ro 15:7)		
Wait for one another before beginning Lord's Supper (1 Co 11:33)		
Don't bite, devour, and consume one another—seriously, guys, don't eat each other (Ga 5:15)		
Don't boastfully challenge or envy one another (Ga 5:26).		
Gently, patiently tolerate one another (Ep 4:2)		
Be kind, tender-hearted, and forgiving to one another (Ep 4:32)		
Bear with and forgive one another (Co 3:13)		
Seek good for one another, and don't repay evil for evil (1 Th 5:15)		
Don't complain against one another (Jas 4:11, 5:9)		James
Confess sins to one another (Jas 5:16)		
Love one another (Jn 13:34, 15:12, 17; Ro 13:8; 1 Th 3:12, 4:9; 1 Pe 1:22; 1 Jn 3:11, 4:7, 11; 2 Jn 5)	Love	John/Paul/Peter
Be devoted to one another in love (Ro 12:10)		Paul
Through love, serve one another (Ga 5:13)		

Tolerate one another in love (Ep 4:2)		
Greet one another with a kiss of love (1 Pe 5:14)		Peter
Wash one another's feet (Jn 13:14)	Humility/Deference	John
Give preference to one another in honor (Ro 12:10)		Paul
Don't be haughty: be of the same mind (Ro 12:16)		
Serve one another (Ga 5:13)		
Be subject to one another (Ep 5:21)		
Regard one another as more important than yourselves (Php 2:3)		Peter
Clothe yourselves in humility toward one another (1 Pe 5:5)		
Do not judge one another, and don't put a stumbling block in a brother's way (Ro 14:13)	Character/Relational/ Serving	Paul
Greet one another with a kiss (Ro 16:16; 1 Co 16:20; 2 Co 13:12)		
Husbands and wives: don't deprive one another of physical intimacy (1 Co 7:5)		
Bear one another's burdens (Ga 6:2)		
Speak truth to one another (Ep 4:25)		
Don't lie to one another (Co 3:9)		
Comfort one another concerning the resurrection (1 Th 4:18)		
Encourage and build up one another (1 Th 5:11)		
Stimulate one another to love and good deeds (He 10:24)		
Pray for one another (Jas 5:16)		James
Be hospitable to one another (1 Pe 4:9)		Peter

## 5. JESUS AND THE RELATIONAL IMPORTANCE OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

In probably his best-known sermon, the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus touches primarily on the “love your neighbour” aspect of the Great Commandment. It is equally important to note that Jesus presents this message to what is considered one of the most religious people groups of the time – the Jewish people.

Their religious history, traditions, temples, sacrificial system, and Torah are rivalled by few. Yet, Jesus finds it necessary to communicate the “horizontal” expectations of living as Kingdom citizens. The following chart illustrates the major themes presented in the sermon.

The Sermon on the Mount		
Passage	Topic	Central Message
Matthew 5:1-12	The Beatitudes	God's blessings upon the faithful
Matthew 5:13-16	Salt and Light	The faithful demonstrate openly their faith
Matthew 5:17-20	The Law	Jesus came to fulfill it not abolish it
Matthew 5:21-26	Anger	The need for reconciliation

Matthew 5:27-30	Adultery	It starts in the heart
Matthew 5:31-32	Divorce	It is covenant breaking
Matthew 5:33-37	Vows	Keeping your word
Matthew 5:38-42	Revenge	Extend grace
Matthew 5:43-48	Enemies	Extend love
Matthew 6:1-4	Give	Without being a hypocrite or show off - For relationship with God, not as an act
Matthew 6:5-15	Pray	
Matthew 6:16-18	Fasting	
Matthew 6:19-24	Money and Possessions	Your heart is where your treasure is
Matthew 6:25-34	Worry	God knows your needs
Matthew 7:1-5	Judging	Careful how you judge others
Matthew 7:6	Pearls to Pigs	Don't waste what's holy on unholy people
Matthew 7:7-11	Persistence in Prayer	Keep on asking, seeking, knocking
Matthew 7:12	The Golden Rule	Doing for others as you expect to receive
Matthew 7:13-14	The Narrow Gate	A call to decide
Matthew 7:15-20	A Tree and its Fruit	Good character can be seen
Matthew 7:21-23	True Disciples	Are known by Jesus
Matthew 7:24-27	Building on Solid Rock	Only a solid foundation can weather the storm
Matthew 7:28-29	Crowd Response	The people are amazed

## 6. KEY INGREDIENTS TO EFFECTIVE RELATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP.

- Speaking truth in love (Eph. 4:15).
- Pace the relationship.
- Not programmatic but practical and flexible.
- Non-judgemental and safe.
- Listen, not to answer but to understand.
- A mixture of humility, authenticity, wisdom, experience, and truth.
- Keep confidences – trust is essential.
- Jesus as the model for character development.