



## Discussion Guide

**Ice Breaker:** We have broken records for snowfall this month. What was your favorite/least favorite part of all the snow days?

1. Pastor Nate told us that consumer products are impulse driven and convenient. What is the most impulsive purchase you have ever made? Looking back, what kind of feelings did that purchase produce? Would you make that purchase again?
2. Read Proverbs 15:22 NLT Have you ever seen this play out in your own life? If you have had plans go wrong for lack of advice, what could have gone differently had you sought and heeded counsel? On the flipside, if you received and followed wise counsel, how could things have gone wrong if you hadn't?
3. Read Proverbs 15:17 and Proverbs 18:1. Describe a covenant relationship you have or have had. Pastor Nate says this type of relationship includes 3 things: choices, inconvenience and life transformation. Has this relationship ever been inconvenient for you? In what ways have you seen transformation occur in the relationship or for you as an individual in the relationship?
4. Read 1 John 4:10 (NLT) Where or how has God placed people in your life to be a reflection of his love for you? What are some ways you have experienced the love and grace of God through relationships? How are you reflecting his love to others? What are some ideas on how we can show God's love to people?
5. Pastor Nate asked who you will honor. Who came to mind when he asked this question? How will you show honor to this person? Why is it so important to follow through on this?

## Personal Guide

Day 1: Read Acts 9:36-43

Day 2: Read Acts 10:34-48

Day 3: Read Acts 11:19-30

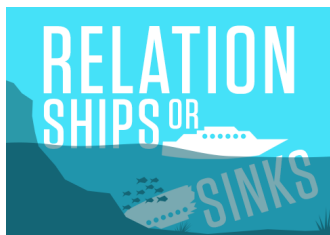
Day 4: Read Acts 12:1-19

Day 5: Read Acts 15:36-41

# RELATIONSHIPS OR SINKS

**TAKING THE PLUNGE**  
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## MESSAGE NOTES

Find the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **relationships are...**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Driven
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Ever After

Covenant = chosen \_\_\_\_\_ entered through \_\_\_\_\_  
promises.

\_\_\_\_\_ **relationships are...**

- 1) A \_\_\_\_\_ (*Ephesians 5:31; Proverbs 15:22; Proverbs 20:6*)
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (*Proverbs 15:17; Proverbs 18:1; Ephesians 5:25*)
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ (*1 John 4:10; Proverbs 5:18; Proverbs 31:2; Proverbs 31:31*)

*In a world full of opinions, God's wisdom and truth matter:*

\_\_\_\_\_ love leads to \_\_\_\_\_ relationships

Who will you \_\_\_\_\_ today? \_\_\_\_\_

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey. You can also use the Connect Card to let us know about your commitment, too!



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**MESSAGE NOTES**

Find the one

**Consumer relationships are...**

- 1) Impulse Driven
- 2) Convenient
- 3) Customizable

Happily Ever After

Covenant=chosen relationship entered through binding promises.

**Covenant relationships are...**

- 1) A Choice (Ephesians 5:31; Proverbs 15:22; Proverbs 20:6)
- 2) Inconvenient (Proverbs 15:17; Proverbs 18:1; Ephesians 5:25)
- 3) Transformational (1 John 4:10; Proverbs 5:18; Proverbs 31:1 Proverbs 31:31;)

*In a world full of opinions, God's wisdom and truth matter:*

Real love leads to remarkable relationships

Who will you honor today? \_\_\_\_\_