



## ReConnected: Moses & Jethro: The Benefit of Time Well Spent

Pastor Scott Michel

June 7, 2020

### Virtual Life Group Discussion

\*Leader Tip: There are many additional resources compiled for each week of this series. Review those [here](#) and encourage your groups to both use the READ plan and to check out those ReConnected resources.

### Encouragement: (15 minutes)

Ask group members to share about a significant relationship in their lives that has helped them grow in Christ, overcome a difficult season, and/or simply been an encouragement.

### Scripture: (30 minutes)

Read [Exodus 18](#)

In this account Moses and Jethro, whose perspective did you most identify with?

Do you have someone younger that you are able to connect with to listen and share wise counsel?

What are the most important characteristics of someone you'd consider to be your mentor?

### Prayer: (10 minutes)

Ask each group member to share sentence prayers for each section. Leader begins with the sentence given.

**ADORATION:** Praise God for His mighty works and His presence in your life.

**CONFESSION:** Confess your neglect of remembering and sharing the story of His work in your life.

**THANKSGIVING:** Thank God for His church, for the friends and family He has given that love you, listen to you, support you, encourage you, offer you wise advice.

**SUPPLICATION:** Ask God to embolden you to connect with an old or a new friend or mentor.

### Next Steps: (5 minutes)

Consider writing an email, card, or letter of encouragement to someone older or younger than you.

Continue to encourage one another to serve at [www.whoisgrace.com/bethechurch](http://www.whoisgrace.com/bethechurch).



## ReConnected: Joseph & His Brothers- Forgiveness in the Midst of Conflict

Pastor John Tiernan

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### **Virtual Life Group Discussion:**

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### **Encouragement:** (15 minutes)

There has been much conflict lately in our society. How have you seen encouragement in the midst of this? (good deeds, kind words, etc.) How does this encourage you to continue that attitude of encouragement?

### **Scripture:** (30 minutes)

Genesis 45:5-8 (break this down into 4 verses and discuss each one)

1—verse 5—How did recognizing God is in control help Joseph to forgive? How does it help us forgive?

2—verse 6—Joseph knew hard times had only begun! How can we prepare in advance for hard times that inevitably come in our lives? How can we encourage one another?

3—verse 7—How did Joseph see God's purpose for his life? How can you see His purpose for you in your life and how can that help you stay focused and avoid conflict?

4—verse 8—Again, Joseph believed God was sovereign (in control) of not only his life but also the world at that time. Do you believe God is in control? How does that affect your life now?

### **Prayer:** (10 minutes)

Leader- Let His presence lead you as you worship. Ask everyone to share a sentence prayer focusing on asking God to reconcile conflict. (Prompts: Jesus is our peace. He walked into conflict for us to remove our conflict with sin. Because He forgives us we can forgive.)

### **Next Steps:** (5 minutes)

--The most important thing is to be sure you are reconciled with Jesus then think of a relationship that needs reconciliation in your life and ask Jesus to help you take steps to reconcile.



## ReConnected: David and Jonathan

Pastor Scott Michel

June 21, 2020

### Virtual Life Group Discussion

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**Encouragement:** Quarantine has brought out the creativity in all of us. Keeping connected with friends and family is certainly an area where being creative has been crucial. There are all kinds of stories circulating social media and the national news on the fun and interesting ways that people are keeping in touch while separated.

Leader: Share your favorite friend moment from quarantine, either something you did or a friend did for you. Ask a few group members to share also. How has this friendship encouraged you?

### Scripture:

Leader: Friendship can be a painful topic for some to discuss. As you begin your discussion, acknowledge that pain and reiterate that the group is a safe space to share (or not share) about that pain.

It's clear throughout the story of scripture that deep friendship is a desire God has for his people - a relationship with Him and relationships with others.

Before reading the scripture and reflecting on it, ask your group the following self-assessment questions:

- Do you currently have a friend who knows your soul?
- What holds you back from that type of relationship?
- Which of Pastor Scott's four key insights from the sermon did you relate to most?

Read [Colossians 3:12-17](#):

- According to this scripture, how should we guide our actions? If we live according to this passage, how might it lead us into deep relationships?
- What is one thing you can do NOW to embody these traits in your own life?

**Prayer:** As we aim to love like Christ, read Psalm 138 as a prayer. Because He first loved us, and shows us unconditional love, let us receive it and show it to others.

**Next Steps:** Commit to taking a step toward a deeper relationship with someone in your life.



## ReConnected: Me, My Relationships, and God

Sarah Burt

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### Encouragement:

Ask each person to share a brief, **one or two word** quality or characteristic about him/herself. After each person makes his/her statement, ask anyone else who also has that quality/passion to raise a hand. Make a quick note of how many have this thing in common. Look for the unexpected connections.

Community is built upon common ground and shared values, interests, etc. Since we are all made in God's image, if we look closely, we will each have something in common with every other person created by God. Be encouraged by the 'family resemblance'. (Genesis 1:27 *So God create man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them*)

**Scripture:** Read [John 17:20-26](#) and [Ephesians 3:14-19](#)

Do you believe that the Father loves you the same way that He loves Jesus? What are some ways that you connect with this love – with God? What does that look like? Feel like?

Do you think that through Jesus you can have that same love within you to be unified with other believers? What disrupts that unity?

What does it mean to be 'filled with all the fullness of God'? What are the roles of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in this?

**Prayer:** Pray that your people, *"being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that (they) may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."* (Ephesians 3: 17b-19)

**Next Steps:** Think about a relationship in your life that is struggling. Seek God for guidance and then invest some time and love into restoring and strengthening it this week.