



## Announcements

Men's Conference 2010 – August 13-14 | LCC

## Warm-Up

- What's the best road trip you have ever taken? What made it so good?

## Word

- How has this series helped improve your relationships in the areas of communication, understanding one another and resolving conflict?

God has designed us to live in relationships, so this week we want to look at what it takes to continue to develop healthy relationships in your life. We are going to look at *Three Road Markers on the path that will lead to godly relationships*.

1) The first road marker we will discuss is **Reconciliation**.

Reconciliation: to render no longer opposed; to win over to friendliness; cause to become amicable; to bring into agreement or harmony

**Read Galatians 5:14**

- What is our role as individuals in reconciliation?
- Why is it important that we reconcile ourselves with whom we are conflicted?

2) The second road marker we will discuss is **Restoration**.

**Read Galatians 6:1**

To restore means to put back in order. If you've ever seen an old house with a lot of character, but it has been exposed to the elements and has not been maintained properly then you must restore it to its original beauty. This illustrates our responsibility to restore relationships in our lives that have decayed.

- How does this illustration relate to the importance of restoration in our relationships?

It is important to understand that restoration depends on both parties reconciling their hearts before God and then being willing to work on restoring the relationship.

- Is there a relationship in your life that you need to work on reconciling? What is the next step you need to take in order to bring about reconciliation?

### 3) The third road marker we will discuss is **Relationships**.

The focus of our relationships needs to be to serve one another out of love for God and love for others. Of course, how this love is expressed will depend on the type of relationship.

- What are some different ways you can show love and serve one another as a spouse? Parent? Co-worker? Boss?

Within a marriage relationship God has designed a husband and wife to enjoy each other spiritually, emotionally and physically. Since we are designed this way it is important to understand that all three of these parts of our relationships must be given equal value.

- In your marriage, how can you make sure you give equal value to the different parts of your relationship?

### **Personal Application**

- What is an area in your life that you've identified as an area you need to work on in order to enhance your relationships?

### **Prayer**

Take time to pray for the needs of the people at your group. Also, please continue to lift up the people of the Gulf Coast who are being impacted by the oil spill and pray for wisdom for our leaders who are dealing with this event.