

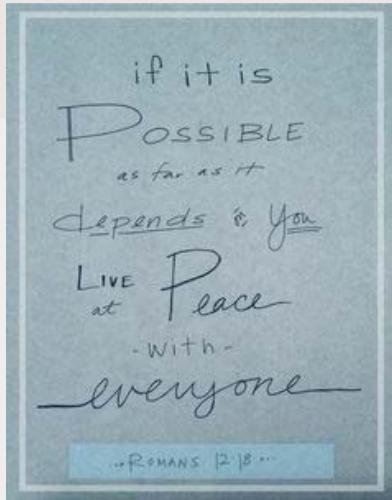
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## THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING A BIBLICAL VIEW OF RELATIONSHIPS

Research tells us that the majority of young adults live in unhealthy relationships. Not just romantic relationships, but also relationships with friends, peers, family, and those in authority. Research also tells us that relationship habits form largely by the age of 18. In other words, how a person relates to others when they are 18 will be how they relate with others for the rest of their lives. This is not to say that people cannot change, but change becomes increasingly more difficult.

If relationship habits are largely built during the teen years, then it is imperative to begin building healthy relationship habits during those teen years. Not only is it important to build those habits, but it is also important to build those habits on a solid foundation. In Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus tells the story of two houses. One house was built on a solid foundation; the other house was built without a solid foundation in mind. A storm hit



both houses and only the house built on the solid foundation was still standing. In verse 26, Jesus clues us in to the source of the solid foundation: His Word. When we build our lives on His Word then no matter the storm, we will be left standing.

This is just as true in our relationships. If we build our worldview of relationships, our relationship practices, and our relationships themselves on God's

Word then we never have to fear the inevitable storms that may come, whether they be attacks on our relationships with family, friends, or in romance.

This Spring in Midweek we are going to dive into what the Bible teaches us about relationships and how to relate to others. I hope you will join us as we look at our relationships with authorities, friends, family, and even in romance.

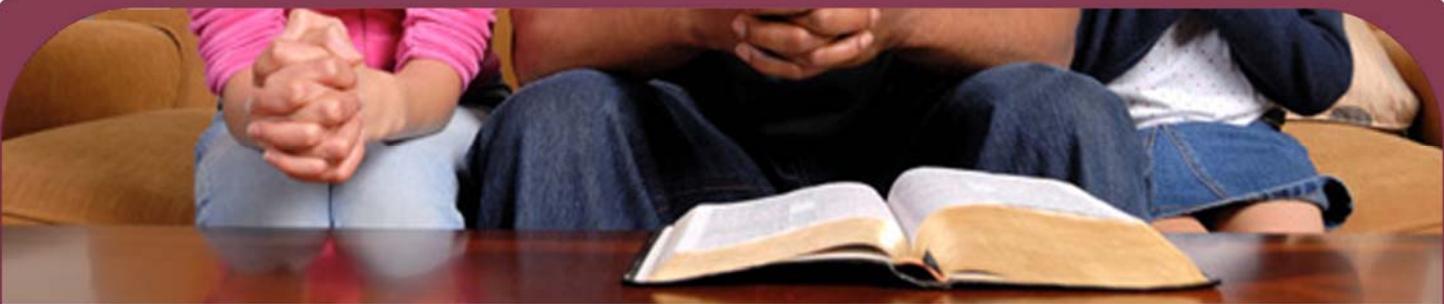


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## BIBLE STUDY

**January 7: Intro to Eschatology**

**January 14: Intro to Revelation**

**January 21: Overview of Revelation**

**January 28: The Vision of Christ** (Revelation 1:1-20)

### Weekly Questions

1. What images or symbols are present in the text?
2. What do these images or symbols mean?
3. What does the passage teach you about God? How does the passage encourage you to persevere in your faith.

### Glossary

**apocalyptic.** A literary genre concerned with coming judgment and salvation, usually presented with symbolism and imagery.

**eschatology.** The study of the end times.

**millennium.** A period of 1,000 years mentioned in Revelation 20:4-5 as a time of Christ's reign over believers on the earth.

**revelation.** From the Greek, *apokalypsis*, which means something once hidden now being revealed. The Book of Revelation is Christ revealing details about the great and terrible day of the Lord.

**tribulation.** A time of distress, suffering, and persecution. In eschatology, the tribulation is a period of 7 years of great persecution began and ruled over by the anti-Christ.

Next Month will features definitions of various positions on the millennium and tribulation.



## MIDWEEK

**January 10: Introduction**  
Matthew 22:36-40

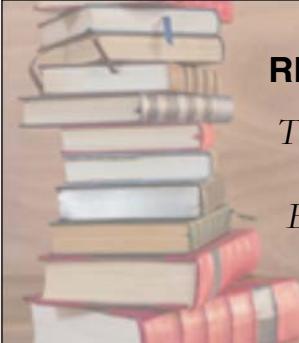
1. What are the different relationships you have with people? Who are the people in those different relationships (i.e. friends, authorities, family, etc).
2. On a scale of 1-10 (1 being the worst and 10 being the best), how would you rate your relationships with others? Why?
3. What is one action you can take this week to improve your relationships with others?

**January 17: Who is My Authority? Part 1**  
Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:18, Acts 5:27-29

1. Who is our ultimate authority? Why is He our ultimate authority?
2. What is your attitude towards God's authority?
3. What is one action you can take this week to increase your submission to God?

**January 24: Who is My Authority? Part 2**  
Various Scriptures

1. Who are your authorities?
2. What does it mean to submit to authority?
3. What is one action you can take this week to better submit to your authorities?



**BOOK RECOMMENDATION**

*The Heart of Revelation:  
Understanding the 10  
Essentials of the Bible's  
Final Book*  
by J. Scott Duvall



Join us for  
**Bible Study**  
Sunday Mornings  
9:30-10:20 AM  
as we study through  
**The Revelation of Jesus  
Christ.**

Join us for  
**Midweek**  
Wednesday Nights  
6:00-8:00 pm  
for our series

**Relationships Reconstructed.**



## UPCOMING Events

### LIFT TOUR

February 16-17

### SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP

Date Range: March 17-25\*  
Exact Dates Will Be Announced January 17

### SPRINGFIELD CARDINALS

April 28, 2018  
4:10 PM Game Start  
Join Us on the Dugout Deck!

### CELEBRATE SUMMER

May 30, 2018  
Invite Your Friends to the River!

### GLOBAL YOUTH CAMP

July 8-14, 2018  
Join us for Summer Camp!



## Join us for our first Lift Tour!

**What is the Lift Tour?** The Lift Tour is a Student Leadership University (SLU) event. SLU is a faith-based, experiential leadership-training program that empowers, enables and equips students to rise to the call of leadership and to change the way they think, dream and lead, both today and for the rest of their lives.

**When & Where is Lift Tour?** We will be participating in the Lift Tour @ Cross Church—Pinnacle Hills in Northwest Arkansas on Friday and Saturday, February 16-17, 2018.

**What is the Lift Tour Theme?** This year at the LIFT Tour 2018, we will take an in-depth look at the life of Joseph and how he endured the process of being pressed but not CRUSHED as he went from the “Pit” to the “Palace”.

**How Much is the Lift Tour?** The cost per student is \$50. Students who sign up and pay by January 31 will receive a \$10 discount. The cost includes transportation, meals, lodging, and registration for the Lift Tour.

More Information Available January 10 and on-line at  
[www.fellowshipjoplin.org/ministries/students](http://www.fellowshipjoplin.org/ministries/students).

The Lift Tour has one aim and ambition. EXALT CHRIST, while ENGAGING SCRIPTURE in order to EQUIP STUDENTS to change their world. In an effort to advance the Kingdom of God, it is vitally important for the church to recognize that more can be accomplished together than apart. Therefore, we are extending a call for ministries to link arms together at a Lift Tour gathering near you for the purpose of shining and showing Christ to your community.

**theLIFTtour.com**

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# CALENDAR

**JAN | 03** FAMILY SKATE NIGHT  
WEDNESDAY // 6:00-8:00 PM @ ROLLER CITY

**JAN | 07** BIBLE STUDY KICKOFF  
SUNDAY // 9:30-10:15 AM

**JAN | 10** MIDWEEK KICKOFF  
SUNDAY // 6:00-7:00 PM

**JAN | 14** COUNCIL OF FATHERS  
SUNDAY // 4:00-5:00 PM

**JAN | 28** CAMP DEPOSIT DEADLINE  
\$25 EARLY BIRD DEPOSIT DEADLINE

**JAN | 31** LIFT TOUR DEADLINE  
\$40 PAYMENT DEADLINE

**JAN | 31** MIDWEEK MISSIONS  
@ CROSSLINES (320 SOUTH SCHOOL AVE, JOPLIN, MO)