

# Thrive



# Week Four: Relationships

## Overview

In a culture surrounded by the impact of COVID-19, it's time for God's church to thrive. No matter how chaotic this world may seem, God has given us everything we need to thrive in our lives, our rhythms, with our resources, and in our relationships. So many of us will view this season that we're in as just a time of survival. But what if God is calling his church to thrive in the midst of chaos? What if God is calling you to become even more alive in him during this time? What if God is inviting his people to a deeper, more meaningful faith in him? We believe he is, and we're excited discuss this topic over the next few weeks.

This week - we looked at what it looks like to thrive in our relationships. Relationships are difficult to get right. Even though we see throughout scripture that God created us for relationships and community, we still have a hard time getting them right. Through the story of the Good Samaritan, we learn that we thrive in our relationships when we put the needs of others ahead of our own. Though this is difficult, Paul assures us in Philippians 2 that when we put the interests of others ahead of our own, we are following Jesus' example in our relationships.

As you begin, pray for God to further develop your hearts and minds in compassion, love, and care for others.

## Reading and Discussion

1. Read Luke 10:25-37. What stands out to you from this story?
2. How do you function in your relationships? What are some of the most common points of tension you find in your relationships at work, home, school, etc?
3. The Samaritan demonstrated incredible compassion for a man whom he didn't know, and would have had cultural conflicts with. Do you struggle in seeing strangers as your neighbors? What about people who you differ from? How can you begin to see others as simply neighbors in need instead of enemies?
4. How do some of the other topics we've discussed in this series, such as our rhythms and resources, affect your relationships? Do you find that your relationships are healthier when your rhythms and resources are in a healthier place?
5. As you finish your discussion, pray for your relationships – not only your relationships with those you know, but also for your view and treatment of those who are strangers, or may be different from you.