



## Week #1 – Perspective

- Jesus taught that \_\_\_\_\_ was more important than \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”*

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

### Truths about relationships:

- Relationships are the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ parts of our lives.
- All our relationships happen within a \_\_\_\_\_.



- To refresh the relationship, you must first refresh the \_\_\_\_\_.

Series Big Idea: Refreshed \_\_\_\_\_ refresh the system.

Changed people change the \_\_\_\_\_.

*A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. “If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean,” he said.*

*Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” Instantly the leprosy disappeared, and the man was healed.*

Mark 1:40-42 (NLT)

## How Jesus’ perspective was different than everyone else’s:

- From judgment to \_\_\_\_\_.
- From turning away to \_\_\_\_\_.
- From unwilling to \_\_\_\_\_.

This week’s prayer: “Jesus help me see \_\_\_\_\_ the way you see \_\_\_\_\_.”

- To change the \_\_\_\_\_, you must change your \_\_\_\_\_.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Share an experience when you misjudged a person, a situation, or event due to your preconceived notions of that person, that situation or event. What were the consequences of your misjudgment?
2. When you are faced with challenging relationships, what is your primary posture? For example, do you tend to judge or show compassion? Would you rather turn away or move toward? Are you more willing to further invest in the relationship or not?
3. What practices/habits would be helpful to adopt to reorient your perspective of, or posture towards, your most important relationships to the way Jesus perceived and related to others?

### Recommended Resources

- *Parenting Beyond Your Capacity*, by Reggie Joiner & Carey Nieuwhof
- *Don’t Miss It: Parent Every Week Like It Counts*, by Reggie Joiner & Kristen Ivy
- *Rescue Your Love Life*, by Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend
- *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work*, by John Gottman, PhD
- *The New Rules for Love, Sex and Dating*, by Andy Stanley
- *The Sacred Search*, by Gary Thomas
- *A Failure of Nerve*, by Edwin H. Friedman