

BUILDING A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP – PART V “STEWARDSHIP RELATIONSHIPS”

We steward things that are valuable. Relationships are valuable because the God we worship is a relational being who values relationships. The story of the Bible is the story of God stewarding his relationship with his human creatures.

1. Why steward relationships?

Genesis 2:18

Romans 5:1-2

- A. Our relationship with God is personal.
- B. Our relationship with God is communal.

John 17:20-21

- C. We can only be effective in fulfilling our role in the world if we steward relationships.

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

2. How to steward relationships:

A. Develop humility

Philippians 2:3-8

B. Practice respect

We respect each other’s opinion on extra biblical issues.

Romans 14:1

Romans 14:13

C. Serving others in love

Galatians 5:13-15

1. Serving others in love strengthens relationships.
2. This principle applies to evangelism too.
“People don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care.”

Galatians 6:10

D. Communal prayer

Acts 2:42

James 5:13-16a

Ephesians 6:18

Colossians 4:2

3. Paul’s Example

- A. He gives thanks for these believers.
- B. He prays for them to become everything God wants them to become.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what sense is the Bible, the story of God, stewarding his relationship with human beings?
2. What extraordinary thing did God do to restore his relationship with his rebellious human creatures?
3. In what sense is our relationship with God personal?
4. In what sense is our relationship with God communal?
5. What are the implications of Jesus prayer in John 17:20-21?
6. What would you say to someone who claimed to be a Christian, but sees no need to be part of a church?
7. What are the implications of 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 for relationships in the church?
8. Philippians 2:3-8. In what way is developing the humility of Christ important to stewarding relationships in the church?
9. Romans 14:1-13. What controversy is Paul addressing and how should believers respond? What are similar controversies in our day?
10. Galatians 5:13-15 Share an example of another believer served you in love? How did their service affect your relationship?
11. Why is it so difficult to share our needs with one another?
12. Why should we serve non-Christians in love?
13. In what ways have you experienced prayer with and for other believers strengthening your relationship with them?

Welcome

to

Hillcrest Church

Love Acceptance & Forgiveness

You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!

Matthew 25:21

July 16, 2023

Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Pastor Tim Brooks is continuing the series "Building a Life of Stewardship." His message focuses on the stewardship of our relationships.

NEXT WEEK

Pastor Bruce will continue the series on stewardship with a message titled the "Stewardship of our Temples."

NEIGHBORHOOD WALK – AUGUST 3rd

Join us for our next walk as we visit our neighbors and invite them to church. Meet at church at 6:30.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – JULY 22, 9am

Meet at Roseville City Church for fellowship, worship, and of course, good food. The address is 125 Franklin St, Roseville.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

The Prayer Meeting: Tuesday at 7pm with Pastor Tim Brooks
The Bible study: Wednesday at 6:30 – 7:45pm. Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access either gathering.

PROJECT "ROOF 23" DONE!

The roof replacement is completed. The final cost is \$46,690. The cost of replacing the damage from dry rot and other miscellaneous items was only \$2,890. Prayerfully consider making donations to the "building fund" to pay for the project. Los Reyes Roofing did an excellent job for us.

The next project we are tackling is upgrading our electrical system. Stay tuned for more announcements on that.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

CHURCH IN THE PARK – AUGUST 13, 2023

Will be at Royer Park. This will be a major outreach event, not just a picnic. More details will follow.