

Sunday Worship
Services

Chanhassen
8:20, 9:45, 11:10am
and 5:00pm

Minnetonka
9:45 and 11:10am

LIVE WITH OPEN HANDS...
AND BE AWAKENED,
BE PREPARED AND
BE A BLESSING.

FOR STORIES OF GOD AT WORK
IN AND THROUGH
THE PEOPLE OF WESTWOOD-
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Relationships

making ones
and good ones



Relationships would be so much easier if they didn't involve other people, right? Seems like when we bring our shortcomings, imperfections and frailties and mash them together, things can get tricky. Come explore hard issues and deep questions about what intimacy looks like, how to give up on holding a grudge, and how we can bring out the best in each other. Let's head below the surface and flash of emoticons to understand God's design for fulfilling relationships.

Relationships: making bad ones better and good ones great

February 21

"Service or Selfishness"

February 28

"Intimacy or Isolation"



HELLO!

Is this your first time here? There's a couple things to know...

Our services last about 65 minutes. You are welcome to stay for coffee and conversation after the service. And be sure to stop by our Welcome Desk for a handy packet of information, warm welcome, and a chance to get any questions answered. We'd love to meet you.

If you have kids, we invite them to be a part of our great Kids' and Student Ministries. The friendly faces at our Kids Welcome Desk will help you. We offer special reserved seating if you wish to bring your infant to the worship service. This seating allows you to exit easily should your child become vocal.



CHILD DEDICATION

Today we will celebrate Child Dedication in our services. This is a special way to give thanks to God for the precious gift of a child that He has given. If you are interested in having your child dedicated, you are encouraged to attend our next Child Dedication class Sunday, February 28 at 9:45am. You will get more information about Child Dedication and have an opportunity to sign up. Register online.

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LENT SERVICES

Lent is the season of soul searching and repentance as we prepare for the joy and celebration of Easter. It is a time to revitalize our love for Jesus Christ and reflect on our dependence on Him. We invite you to join with us on a journey with Jesus to the Cross. Each Wednesday we hold services that are led by Westwood pastors. We will learn the building blocks that build a firm foundation in Jesus. Come. Let's experience Lent with humble and grateful hearts.

Services will be held at both campuses, Chanhassen and Minnetonka.

Wednesdays, February 17–
March 16, 6:00–6:30pm



Service or Selfishness

How do you become less selfish and make positive adjustments in your relationship?

1. Give out: _____ about what he/she needs most. Philippians 2:4

2. Give up: _____ to one another. Ephesians 5:21

3. Give in: Make _____ in the little things. Hebrews 4:12

4. Give all: _____ each other as Jesus would. I John 3:16

Relationships: Making Bad Ones Better and Good Ones Great
Service or Selfishness?

Small Group Questions

1. In the model for relationships/marriage we have reviewed Covenant verses Contract; Grace verses Grudge; and this past week Service/ Selfishness. Pastor Joel introduced one of the challenges in relationship is to celebrate each other's differences. In the multiple choice interaction around four different kinds of people, which resonated most with who you are and how do you handle relationships with those of a different pattern?
 - a. **Command Specialists:** Take charge, task-oriented and like to give directions and tell people what to do. You are controllers and perhaps very successful people. You may be first born.
 - b. **Emotive Specialists:** The enthusiastic types who generate enthusiasm in your presence, humor and demeanor. You're intuitive and fun to be around. You may be the baby of the family.
 - c. **Concern Specialists:** Uncanny awareness of how people feel. Deeply involved in the feelings of other people. You frequently ask, "How are you feeling." You are compassionate, sensitive, and you would give the shirt off your back to someone in need.
 - d. **Information Specialists:** You are committed to identifying crucial facts before reaching decisions. You're detail oriented and at times lean toward perfectionist tendencies.
2. **Embracing and celebrating differences is one of the hardest things about making a relationship work.** So how do you become less selfish and make positive adjustments in your relationship? Review last week's outline, read the passages and speak about the ways in which you have received from others or creatively offered any of these four practices in relationships close to you.

#1 Give Out: Think about what he/she needs most - Not what you need most.

Philippians 2:3-4 ESV *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

#2 Give up: Submit to one another.

Ephesians 5:21 *Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

#3 Give in: Make adjustments in the little things.

Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

#4 Give All: Treat each other as Jesus would

I John 3:16a *"This is how we know what love is: Christ gave his life for us"*

3. **Have you had fun with the intimacy rituals suggested by Dr. William Doherty? Review and share how they have helped or ...not so much!** The main way to resist the natural drift of marriage over time is to carefully cultivate commitment and practice intentionality through Intimacy rituals.
 - Create a habit of reunion every day – the most important moment in relationship is the moment of reunion – how you greet each other.
 - Set aside two minutes of undistracted communication every day.
 - Practice an appreciation ritual every day