

Part 8: God is Relational

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

| | Right | Wrong |
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| Thinking | Teaching | Correcting |
| Living | Training | Rebuking |

The Bible teaches us a right way to think:

God exists eternally in community.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. - Genesis 1:26

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. - Deuteronomy 6:4

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. -*Matthew 28:19*

I [Jesus] and the Father are one. - John 10:30

The Bible teaches us a right way to <u>live</u>:

Jesus provides the way for us to have community with God.

The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. - Mark 15:58

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. – *John 1:12*

God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. -1 Corinthians 1:9

God designed us for community with each other.

Identity is found in relationship with God. (Worship)

Belonging is found in authentic loving relationship with others. (Community)

Purpose is found in helping others find their identity in God and belonging with others. (Outreach)

The Bible teaches us to think correctly about God and how to live correctly in community with him and others.

Next Steps

See today's program insert for next steps specific to where you are on your spiritual journey. For even more groups, communities and classes, pick up a copy of CTK Life in the Commons or download it at ctkbellingham.com or on the CTK App.

New small groups are starting this Sunday at our Small Group Connection event offered at 11:37 AM in Room 216. Drop in or contact Ryan Ervin at ryane@ctkbellingham.com for more info.

Alpha is a great introduction to the Christian faith that includes teaching, discussion and free dinner. Alpha starts this Monday evening at 6:00 PM in the Meeting Place and meets for 6 weeks total. Register today at the Connection Point.

Check out **Mission Year** for young adults and young married couples at ctkmissionyear.com.

Small Group Questions

- 1) The Bible says that God is a provider, a protector, a father, and that he is holy. Which word best describes what you think about God?
- 2) Where did you learn most of what you think about God? How are you still learning?
- 3) Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What does this verse say about community?
- 4) The Bible teaches us how we are to live loving, forgiving, encouraging, and serving one another. Has anyone in your life mentored or trained you in these areas?
- 5) Who in your life lovingly helps you correct wrong thinking or rebuke wrong living? How could you develop better relationships so this could happen well?
- 6) How can we pray for you?

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