



### Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

#### Warming up

1. How has God used relationships in your life to make you a better person?
2. Name at least three people in your life that can call you out for anything. Do they know they have this permission?

#### Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

3. Read 2 Timothy 4:9-18.
  - a. Are you surprised Paul had these complicated relationships? Why or why not?
  - b. What person in this passage can you identify with, and why?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 2:5-11.
  - a. What can we learn about the devil's attacks from this passage?
  - b. What do you do when you feel discouraged?
  - c. Have you ever withheld your forgiveness from someone?
  - d. How did that affect you?
  - e. How did it affect them?
5. What's the difference between attending church and being engaged in a church?
6. What are your thoughts about this quote?

"One who seeks solitude without fellowship perishes in the abyss of vanity, self-infatuation, and despair." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

How does this type of person affect the church body?



7. How is Proverbs 4:23 related to our relationships?
  
8. Read Acts 2:42-47.
  - a. Do you think it's possible for this church to exist today? Why or why not?
  
9. What does 1 Peter 4:8 mean to you?
  - a. Do you have a relationship with three people at ThornCreek that you could call at 3:00 AM?
  - b. Name them. If you don't, why not?

### **Application**

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.  
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- If you want to live a fuller life, then you need Christ-centered relationships around you to help think beyond yourself.
  
- In the bible, we read of a new community that was started after the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
  - It was started after pentecost
  - It was uniquely different from the world.
  
- "Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer
  
- "There is no way you will be able to grow spiritually apart from a deep involvement in a community of other believers." - Timothy Keller