

MAIN POINT

God provides wisdom on how to cultivate relationships that honor Him and others.

INTRODUCTION

What would you name as a some qualities of a healthy relationship?

What are some ways God has given us to cultivate healthy relationships with others?

As followers of Christ, we are called to love God and others. In order to love others well, we must care about cultivating healthy relationships that honor God and others. In recent weeks, we have been looking at God's wisdom on various subjects. This week we will consider our relationships and the ways that God has given for us to display wisdom in relationships with those around us.

DISCUSSION

> **READ PROVERBS 13:12; 12:15; 10:1.**

How would you describe a hope deferred?

What are some hopes you have for your relationships? Why is it important to turn to God for wisdom when considering our hopes and dreams?

How can you seek to fulfill the hopes of others in your relationships in an appropriate way?

What are some ways someone might misplace their hope in a relationship that can only be fulfilled by God?

How is wisdom in relationships connected to taking and giving counsel?

What (or Who) is the source of wise counsel in relationships? Why is it important to always keep this primary? What are some of the consequences of losing sight of this?

How does God use wise counsel to instruct us from lessons that others have learned but we may not have to learn through direct experience?

Why is honor (of God and the other person) crucial to a healthy relationship?

How does honor look different in the context of different types of relationships? Consider your parents, your spouse, your children, etc.

How is the need for honor connected to every person bearing the image of God?

APPLICATION

What steps will you take this week to honor God and others in your relationships?