

# The Importance of Relationships

from a Biblical perspective



# Questions

- Think about the different relationships you have
  - Do you treat your parents the same as your friends?
  - Do you get along with your neighbours?
  - Are you part of a clique at school?
  - Why do you associate with the ones you do?
    - Are they a good or bad influence?
  - Who don't you associate with and why?
  - Do you respect those in authority?
  - Do you get along with your parents?
  - Do you act differently depending on who you're around?
  - What does God Word have to say about relationships?



# Answers

- I hope you've taken time to think about the questions asked but you'll have to provide your own answers
- The answers will depend on the person.
- We're not looking for what you think is the right answer but what is reality.
- At the end of the lesson there will be a few more questions but we'll look at what the Bible has to say.

# God's Law

- In Exodus 20:1-17 God gives the 10 Commandments (the Law) to Moses
  - Whose law is it? It came from a perfect and loving God
  - Why did He give it? For the good of the people: maintain fellowship with God and establish good order
  - Do they still apply today?

Absolutely, they're good for all people at all times
  - Be diligent to do them



Read Exodus 20:1-17

# God's Law

- The first four commandments deal with our relationship with God
  - Thou shalt have none other gods before me.
  - Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing...
  - Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain
  - Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.



# God's Law

- The next six commandments deal with our relationship with people
  - Honour thy father and thy mother
  - Thou shalt not
    - Kill
    - commit adultery
    - Steal
    - bear false witness
    - covet



# God's Law

- Jesus condensed all the commandments into two
- Matthew 22:35-40 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.



# Relationships

- What did you get out of this lesson?
  - Understanding how important relationships are?
  - Our relationship with God is the most important
  - We all have to work at it as it doesn't come natural
- Next week we'll learn more about the relationships between family members.

