

Dear parents,

We've begun a new series focusing on the theme "Building Relationships" For the next three weeks, students will study different passages of Scripture to discover the powerful, life-giving exchange that happens in relationship with God and with people he's given to us to share life with.

In this first lesson, we looked at Genesis 2:4-25 and Genesis 3:1-11, where God is in relationship with Adam and Eve. We looked at God's desire to engage in authentic relationship with us, and God wants to be at the center of our relationships with others. God's perfect love given to us by God's grace provides all we need, and together we can trust our Creator.

This week, I encourage you to spend a few minutes talking with your teenager about our topic. Consider building your conversation around these questions:

- How can trust and honesty build relationships? How can a lack of trust and honesty destroy relationships?
- When have you relied on a person so much that you began placing your trust in him or her instead of in God? Did/How did you begin trusting in God again?

Thanks for all your prayers for our students and our ministry. Have a great week!

Small Group Leaders