



## Fresh Start – Who is Leading You in Your Relationships?

**Icebreaker:** What is your ideal vacation?

**Read Together:** James 1:23-25 (NIV), Galatians 5:13-26 (NIV)

**Discuss:**

- How do the scriptures for this section agree with what you believe?
- How do the Scriptures for this section disagree with what you believe?
- What was the Holy Spirit speaking to you as you listened to this message?
- What are some things you have seen people “foaming at the mouth to show they care” about?
- Paul was writing to a church. How have you seen similar things play out in the modern church?

**Discuss: Consequences of the acts of the flesh:**

- Pressure and difficulties reveal what is truly inside us. - How have you seen that statement prove true in your own life?

**Read Together:** James 3:16 (KJV)

- **Strife:** Where there is strife, there is dysfunction lingering under the surface.
- What is causing strife in your relationships?

**Read Together:** 2 Timothy 2:14 (NIV)

- **Influence decreases:**
- How have you seen this play out in your life or in the life of a leader you know?

**Read Together:** Matthew 5:13 (NIV)

- **Misrepresentation of Christ to our world:**
- Tell about a time when you have seen people walk away from Jesus because someone misrepresented Him.

**Read Together:** Romans 2:4 (NIV)

- **Other's hearts harden against truth:**

- Who do you know that has hardened their heart against the truth?

**Read Together:** Proverbs 5:12-14 (NIV)

- **Your heart becomes resistant to correction:**
- How do you see this lived out in your life?

**Read Together:** Proverbs 29:23 (NKJV)

- **Acting from the flesh poisons relationships:**
- What is the main thing that poisons relationships?

**Discuss: Benefits of the fruit of the Spirit. Paul points us to the BEST way to live!**

- What does it look like to live by the Spirit?
- What do you think it takes to live by the Spirit?

**Read Together:** Psalm 133:1,3 (NKJV)

- **Unity:**
- If you can think of an example of Unity in the body of Christ, please share it with your group!

**Read Together:** Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

- **Our influence grows**
- How do you let your light shine to the people around you?

**Read Together:** John 17:20-21 (NIV)

- **We represent Christ well to our world.**
- How are the Father and Jesus “One”?

**Read Together:** John 3:16-17 (NIV)

- **It opens people's hearts to receive God's truth.**
- Is it our job to open the eyes of people's hearts?

**Read Together:** Proverbs 9:9 (NIV)

- **We are open to receiving corrections and instruction.**
- How would your life be different if you believed what God says about you and allowed yourself to be corrected so you could grow?

**Read Together:** Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV)

- **It cultivates relationships!**
- How does God view the people you are in relationship with?

**Read Together:** John 10:10 (NIV)

- **It will allow us to live life to the fullest.**
- What would you be doing if you were living life to the fullest?

**Pray:**

Ask God to show you how to walk in unity with other believers. Ask Him to show you areas that need work. Take some time this week to ask God who He wants to be for you in each moment. See how He shows up and how much better your week goes. Report back to your group!