



# WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

## THE FLAG OF RELATIONSHIPS

### WEEK 2

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**\*Group Serving Opportunity\***

**Trunk or Treat**

**Thurs, Oct. 31st**

**5:30-6:30**

**Cartersville Location before the Gathering!**

[Details and Signup HERE](#)

**ALL TO HIM**

**Raise the Flag**

**Oct. 10/13 - Nov. 7/10**

**\*All Connect Groups will use the Raise  
The Flag Study Guides!**

#### **ALL TO HIM DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE**

**\*Bring your guide to group.**

**\*Complete Wk 2 Reading Plan & Prayer  
Guide on page 75-77.**

**ICEBREAKER:** To start, let's play a quick game! Everyone will share one fun fact about themselves, but with a twist. You must include one fact that involves a relationship in your life (e.g., "My best friend and I once...").

**MAIN POINT:** To be a disciple of Jesus means loving Him over every relationship. It is only when we do that, that our relationships work as intended. Giving our all to Jesus means putting our relationships in their proper place, and engaging in those relationships for Gospel purposes.

#### **SCRIPTURE: Read Matthew 10:32-39**

32 So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. 34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. 36 And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. 37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.



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### STARTER QUESTIONS

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon over the weekend and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

What does the key passage teach us about Jesus, who He is, and His character?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the EXAMINE and APPLY sections on pages 78-79 in your Discipleship Guide.

2. What does it mean to acknowledge Jesus before others according to Matthew 10:32-33?

3. How does Jesus' statement in verse 34 challenge our common perceptions of Him?

4. As you personally read Matthew 10:35-37 this week and you heard Pastor Jason's sermon, how did your understanding of verses 35-37 change or become clearer?

5. Why do you think Jesus uses family relationships to illustrate the cost of discipleship?

6. Share a time when acknowledging Jesus in your life caused tension in a relationship? How did you handle it?

7. How can we demonstrate loyal love (phileō) to Jesus in our daily interactions?

8. What are some ways we can engage our relationships for Gospel purposes?

9. What role can prayer play in helping us and others surrender our relationships to Christ?

### PRAYER

*\*For a deeper and more responsive prayer time, separate into a men's group and women's group.*

Share praises, answered prayers and prayer requests especially involving relationships. Pray over the request as a group.

Closing Prayer: God, thank you for giving us the opportunity to love You and others by serving. Jesus, help us to prioritize our relationship with you above all others. Give us the strength to take up our cross daily and follow Him, surrendering every part of our lives, especially our relationships. May our love for You be evident in how we love and engage with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### B.L.E.S.S. Update:

#### Who's Your ONE?

Review the BLESS principles and ask if anyone has an update to share.

**Begin** with prayer

**Listen** to their story

**Eat** with them

**Serve** them

**Share** your story and the story of Jesus