



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**What's the key to building God-honouring relationships in an individualistic age?**



Individualism and relationships

Godly friendship

Godly families

## **Questions for study and reflection this week**

How does 'Individualism' affect the way people build relationships?

### **Godly friendship**

Read Proverbs 12:26.

Do you choose your friends carefully, or do you tend to fall into friendships?

Read Proverbs 13:20, 6:16-19, 1 Corinthians 15:33, and Proverbs 27:9.

Can you think of times you've been negatively influenced by a friendship?

What examples do you have of the benefits of positive friendships?

Read Proverbs 17:17.

What is the image being portrayed here, and how should Christian friendship live out this picture?

Read John 15:12-17.

What has Jesus done to offer friendship to us?

What does it mean to you to have Jesus as a friend?

What does Jesus say is the key to how we should build friendships?

What might be your next step(s) in terms of forming and growing proper friendships with others?

### **Godly families**

Read Proverbs 5:18.

In what ways can marriages be neglected and how does this affect family life?

Read Proverbs 22:6.

What is the principle here? Why is the outcome not guaranteed? If you have children, what are your prayers for them at the moment?

Read Proverbs 19:18.

What does biblical discipline look like? How can we get this right and wrong?

Read Galatians 3:26.

How can we make the most of being the family of God together as a church?