

# LIVING IN COVENANT

## WEEK 3: RELATIONSHIP

### Small Group Discussion Guide // February 11, 2018

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything which you heard for the first time or which challenged, intrigued, surprised, bothered, or confused you?
2. As we continued in the *Living in Covenant* series this past Sunday, the message was focused on God's covenant of **relationship**.  
As you think about your own experiences as they relate to relationships, what would you say are some attributes of a healthy, life-giving relationship?
3. Pastor Gary highlighted that Moses' life was broken into three forty-year phases:
  - **Birth-40 years old:** Growing up in palace, then running for his life.
  - **40-80 years old:** Learning to live in desert and getting to know God.
  - **80-120 years old:** Liberating Israelites from captivity and leading them through the desert.How did God use those phases to draw Moses further into relationship with Himself?  
How did God use those phases to prepare Moses for what was to come?  
Have you ever been witness to God leading someone through a phase of life?
4. We were challenged to see the Ten Commandments as more than a list of rules by which to *live* and rather as a way to *know God* better. The first five commandments lead us toward love for God; the last five lead us toward love for people. Review the Ten Commandments in **Exodus 20:1-7**. Then, read Jesus' words in **Matthew 22:34-40**.  
What is your reaction to the Ten Commandments being broken into two categories?  
Does this change your perspective about the Commandments? If so, how?
5. We believe so strongly at Kankakee First that we are created for relationships that we included it in our Life Together core value statement. Our lives are filled with relationships: family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, classmates, teammates, churchmates, etc. Each of them is unique, and each grows, evolves, and strengthens as we invest time and energy into them. Likewise, we see God continuously drawing us deeper in relationship with Him through His covenants with us.  
Keeping these things in mind, how do we draw closer in relationship to God?  
What effect does that have on our relationships with people?
6. As you consider this week's teaching and our study together, what is one thing you need to remember or act on this week?