GateWay
city church

LET'S TALK RELATIONSHIPS
"The Bond of Love"

"But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfect harmony." Colossians 3:14 (TLV)

No one succeeds in life
apart from _____.

"There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."
Proverbs 18:24 (NKJV)

Relationships that lack a "sticky-factor"
can easily _____ _____.

THREE LOVING THINGS THAT CREATE A BOND

1. _____ *creates a bond*

"…Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." James 1:19 (NIV)

"Being heard is so close to being loved that for the average person they are almost indistinguishable." David Augsburger

- *Let them _____.*

- *Confirm their _____.*

- *_____ is everything.*

2. _____ *preserves a bond*

BONDING *(Cont'd)*

"Accept life, and be most patient and tolerant with one another, always ready to forgive if you have a difference with anyone. Forgive as freely as the Lord has forgiven you." Colossians 3:13 (JBP)

Attack the _____ not the person.

3. _____ *strengthens a bond*

"I _____ you." - If you want to connect,
you need to send others this powerful message.

"But think about this: while we were wasting our lives in sin, God revealed His powerful love to us in a tangible display—the Anointed One died for us." Romans 5:8 (TVT)

We affirm people and confront _____.

FATHER GOD, *Thank you for loving me when I didn't love you. Today I accept your love and forgiveness. Jesus, I'm so grateful! I ask you to change me and fill me with love for others. Heal my relationships and cause them to reflect your love. In Christ's Name,* AMEN

GATHER, GROW AND GO WITH US IN SMALL GROUPS

Open Up: *Describe your best friendship ever. What has it meant to you?*

Share Scriptures: *Let different members share a verse or idea from this teaching that impacted them personally. What does it mean for them?*

Talk It Over: *What can we do this week to lay our lives down for others?*

Pray Together: *Pray that each person will find close, spiritual friendships.*

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