



## *Building Good Relationships*

Series: Gospel of John, #6

John 1:35-51

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### **Ground the relationship on God's truth.**

1. John the Baptist, his disciples and Jesus. (35-37)
2. Jesus and Nathanael. (47-51)

### **Take the initiative.**

1. John the Baptist and his disciples. (35-37)
2. Jesus and John the Baptist's disciples. (38-39)
3. Jesus' new disciples reaching out to others. (41-42, 43-46)

### **Look beyond the surface and to the future.**

1. Jesus and Peter. (41-42)
2. Philip and Nathanael. (44-46)

### **Guard against competition and jealousy.**

1. John the Baptist and Jesus. (35-37)
2. Andrew and Peter. (40)

## **In My Life This Week**

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

**Monday.** Yesterday we looked at John 1:35-51 noting principles for building good relationships. All of our relationships need to be grounded on God's truth. Review the examples listed in the outline. Do you make a conscious effort to always relate to everyone in light of God's truth? Are you ignoring or compromising on God's truth in any relationship? Make this principle a conscious cornerstone of all your relationships.

**Tuesday.** To build and maintain good relationships means you have to take the initiative. Check out the examples in the outline. It is not always easy and sometimes will be met with disappointment, but you cannot wait for others to take the first, or next step.

**Wednesday.** First impressions of others can be wrong and never are complete. It is important to look beyond the surface when evaluating and building relationships. While we do not know the future as Jesus did with Peter, we need to look to the future potential in others, not just where they are at today, or have been in the past.

**Thursday.** When we mix our natural nature's self-focus in with a bit of insecurity and competition, we can end up with a super-sized batch of jealousy. Review John the Baptist's positive attitude toward Jesus and also Andrew's to his brother Peter from the outline and other parts of the gospels. Make sure you are constantly on guard against competition and jealousy in every relationship.

**Friday – Saturday.** On Sunday we plan to think about miracles, from 2:1-11. Read the passage and think about what miracles are and their place as you prepare for our time together.