



Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity
Teaching Weekend



Human Relationships through the Lens of Scripture



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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Human Relationships through the Lens of Scripture

Friday, October 26

- 6:00 Welcome, Dinner and Worship
- 6:50 Session #1 **Relationship with the Trinity: The Trinity as Community** ~ Genesis 1:26-27 The Rev. Rob Hartley
- 7:40 Session #2 **Relationship with One Another: A Reflection of the Trinity** ~ Genesis, Ephesians The Rev. Gary Bainton
- 8:30 **Q&A, Closing Prayers and Dismissal**

Saturday, October 27

- 8:45 Breakfast & Worship
- 9:30 Session #3 **Our Relationship Experience: The Survey Results** Dr. Mike Fekula
- 10:00 Session #4 **Godly Behaviors and Emotions** ~ Colossians 3:5-14 The Rev. Rob Hartley
- 11:00 Session #5 **The Preeminence of Prayer in Healthy Relationships** ~ Colossians 3 Mrs. Jackie Fekula
- 11:50 **Noonday Prayers and Fellowship Lunch**
- 12:40 Session #6 **Marriage and Family: The Most Fulfilling of all Human-to-Human Relationships** ~ Genesis 2:18, 21-24 The Rev. Rob Hartley
- 1:30 Break Regather with music
- 1:40 Session #7 **Divorce: Finding Healing and Moving Beyond to God's Preferred Future** ~ Scripture Theme The Rev. Gary Bainton
- 2:30 **Q&A, Closing Prayers and Dismissal**

Sunday, October 28

- 10:00 Eucharist Sermon: **Made for Community** The Rev. Rob Hartley
- 11:30 Lunch following Holy Eucharist (no adult forum or children's Sunday school)
- 12:00 Session #8 **Human Relationships through the Lens of Scripture** ~ Summary, Integration, Remarks The Rev. Gary Bainton
- 1:00 **Closing Prayers and Dismissal** The Rev. Rob Hartley

Human Relationships through the Lens of Scripture

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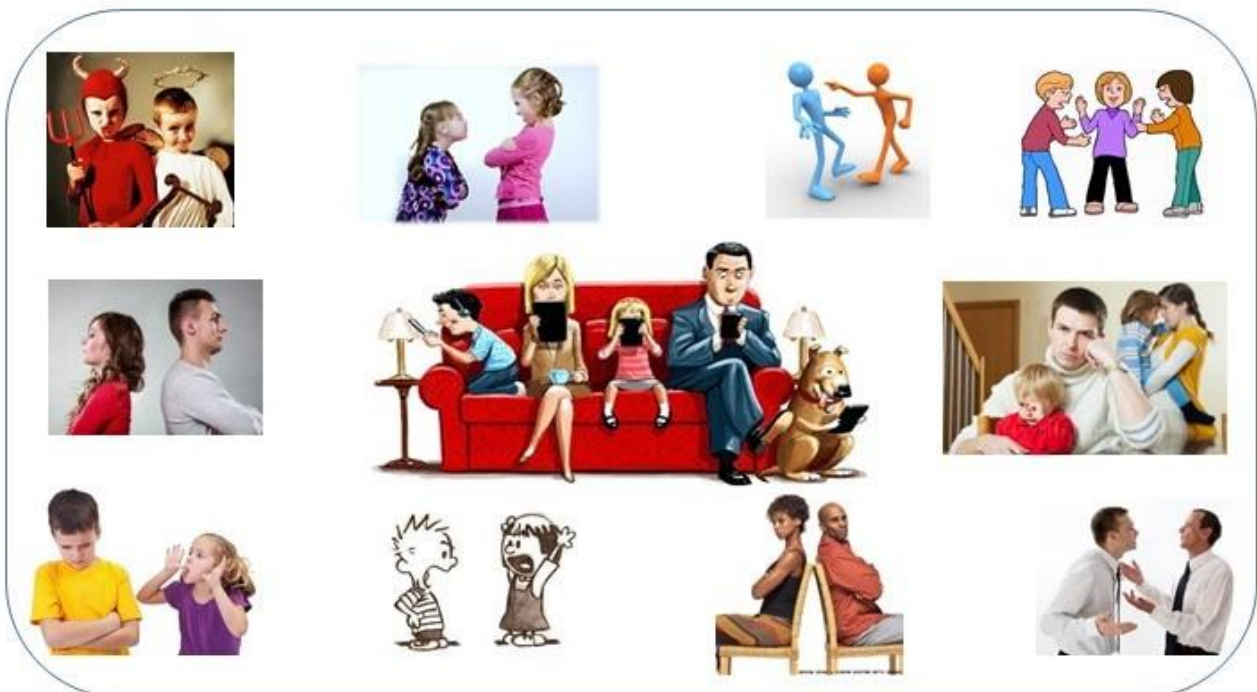
Human Relationships through the Lens of Scripture

We are relational creatures. God created us that way because he is a relational God. But in our lives east of Eden, we struggle to get relationships right, whether it be with God or with one another. This teaching weekend is dedicated to exploring human-to-human relationships and seeking redemption and healing.

Objectives

Our prayerful and hopeful objectives for this conference are to enable participants to:

1. Understand God's intention for human relationships.
2. Know that there is a Biblical basis for the way we are to conduct our relationships with others both inside and outside the family.
3. Learn that many, if not all of us experience some form of challenge to healthy relationships.
4. Learn, understand, and apply the role of prayer in the pursuit of healing hurting relationships and sustaining healthy relationships.
5. Help others who are experiencing hurting relationships.
6. Find healing, as needed, and pursue healthy and fulfilling relationships both inside and outside the family.



Our Relationship with the Trinity: The Trinity as Community

The Reverend Rob Hartley

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

*So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.*

1. Discovering Answers to the First Order Questions of Life
 - a. The ultimate anthropological questions

 - b. Natural and divine revelation (Reason and Faith)- Thomas Aquinas

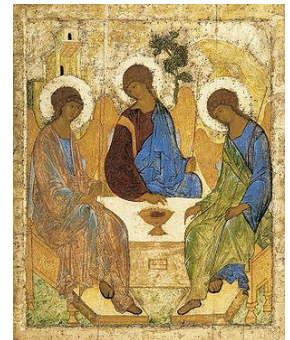
c. Note that both God and His creation are ordered around relationships. Everything is relational.

d. The curse of secularism is the attempt to answer these questions without Divine Revelation, to answer them from only our perspective and our ability to figure it all out.

e. Note that secularism is non-relational. There is nothing to relate to, such as a creator, and it is void of a divine model for how we are to related to one another.

2. Created to be in a relationship with God.

a. Westminster Shorter Catechism



Rubelev, *The Trinity*

b. God by his very nature is a relational being.

Relationship with One Another: A Reflection of the Trinity

The Reverend Gary Bainton

1. Created, by extension, to be in relationship with each other.
 - a. Not good to be alone Gen 2:18
 - b. Scripture is about Community (OT-Israel, NT-The Church)
 - c. Marriage as God intended is the ultimate of human to human relationships
 - d. Jesus tells us how we are to relate to one another in the Summary of the Law-

2. Broken Relationships

a. With God

b. With each other

c. The new Covenant established by Jesus is remedy to our broken relationships- with God; with each other

3. A look at our final (Teleological) Relationships: The Family of God and Communion of Saints

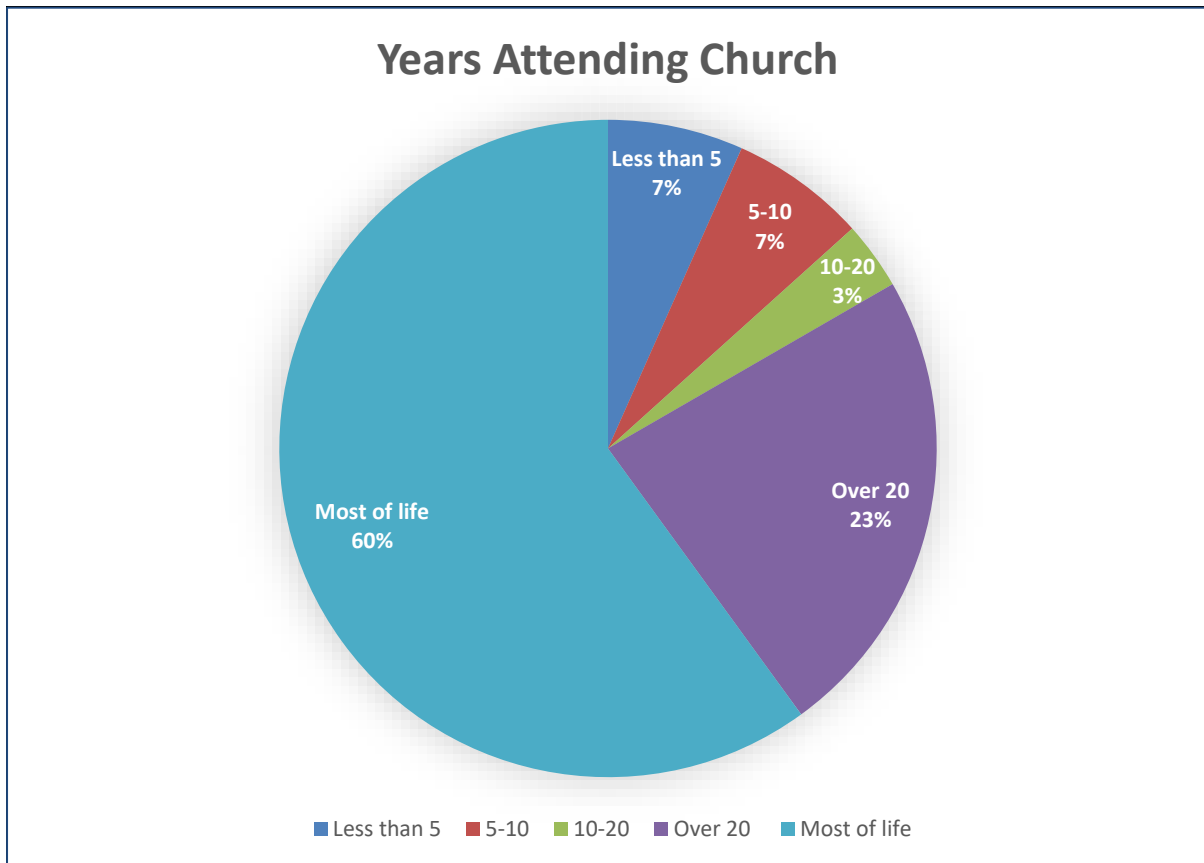
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Our Relationship Experience: The Survey Results

Dr. Mike Fekula

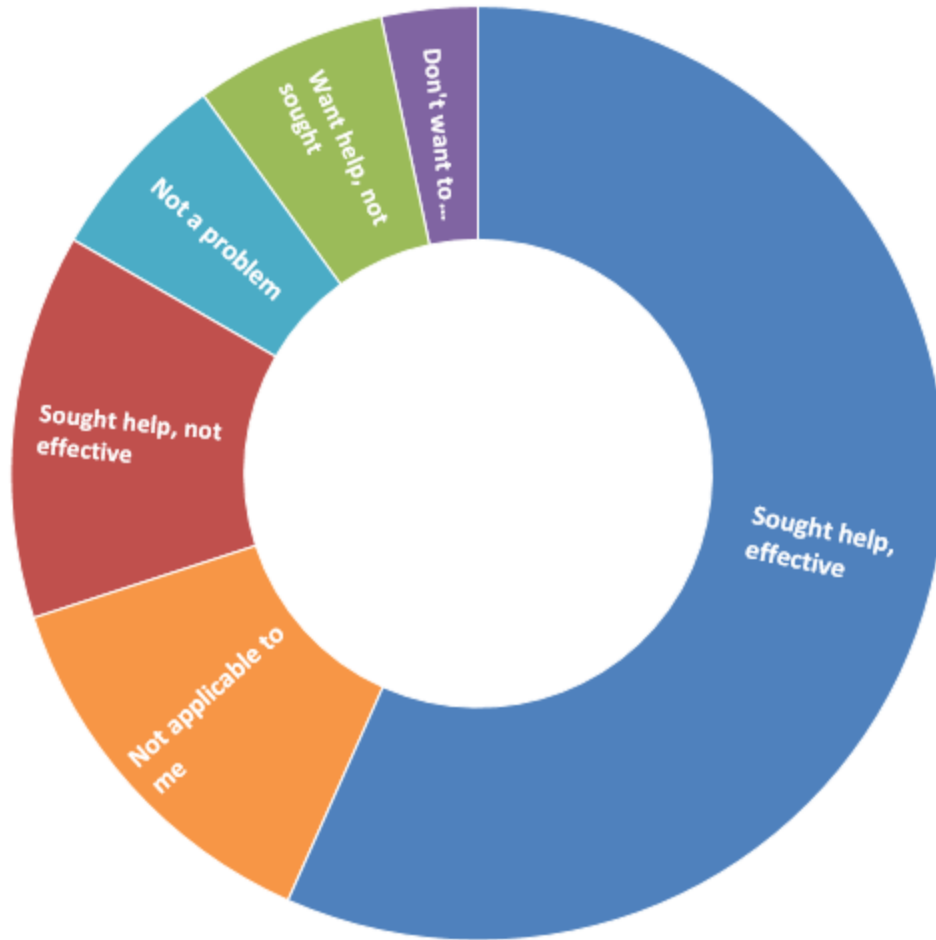
Demographics

- 19 Women, 11 Men
- Four survey respondents age 30-50, 26 respondents over age 50



Conclusions: More women than men responded, most were over age 50, and many attended church most of their life or at least for more than 20 years.

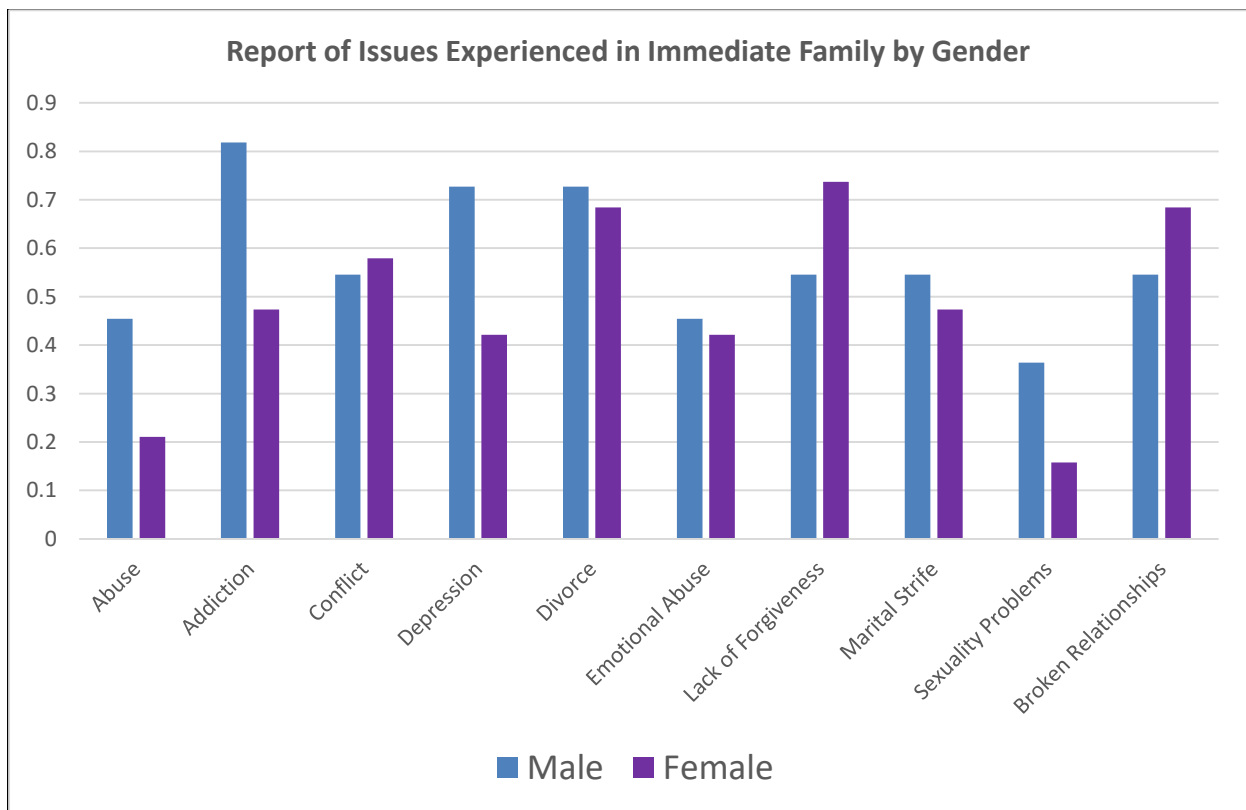
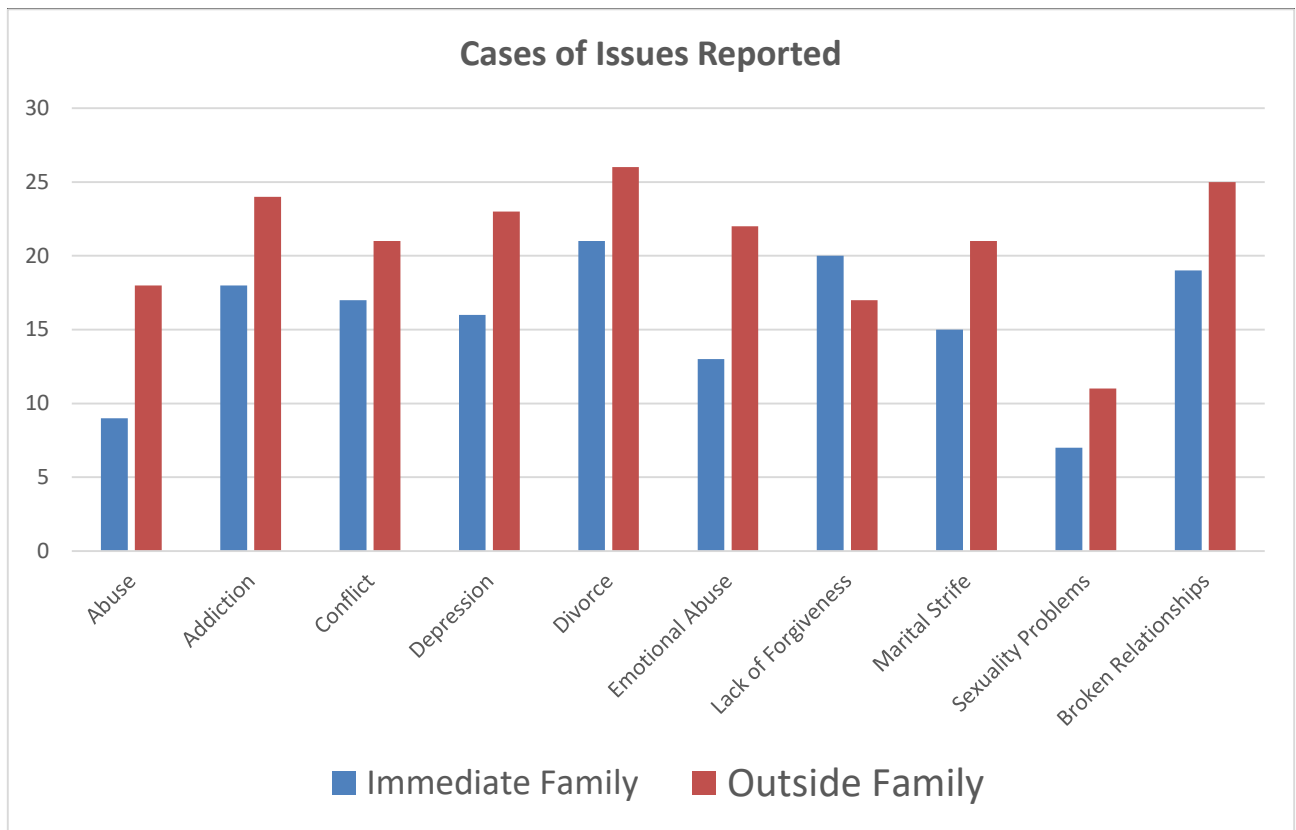
Response to Experiencing Relationship Issues

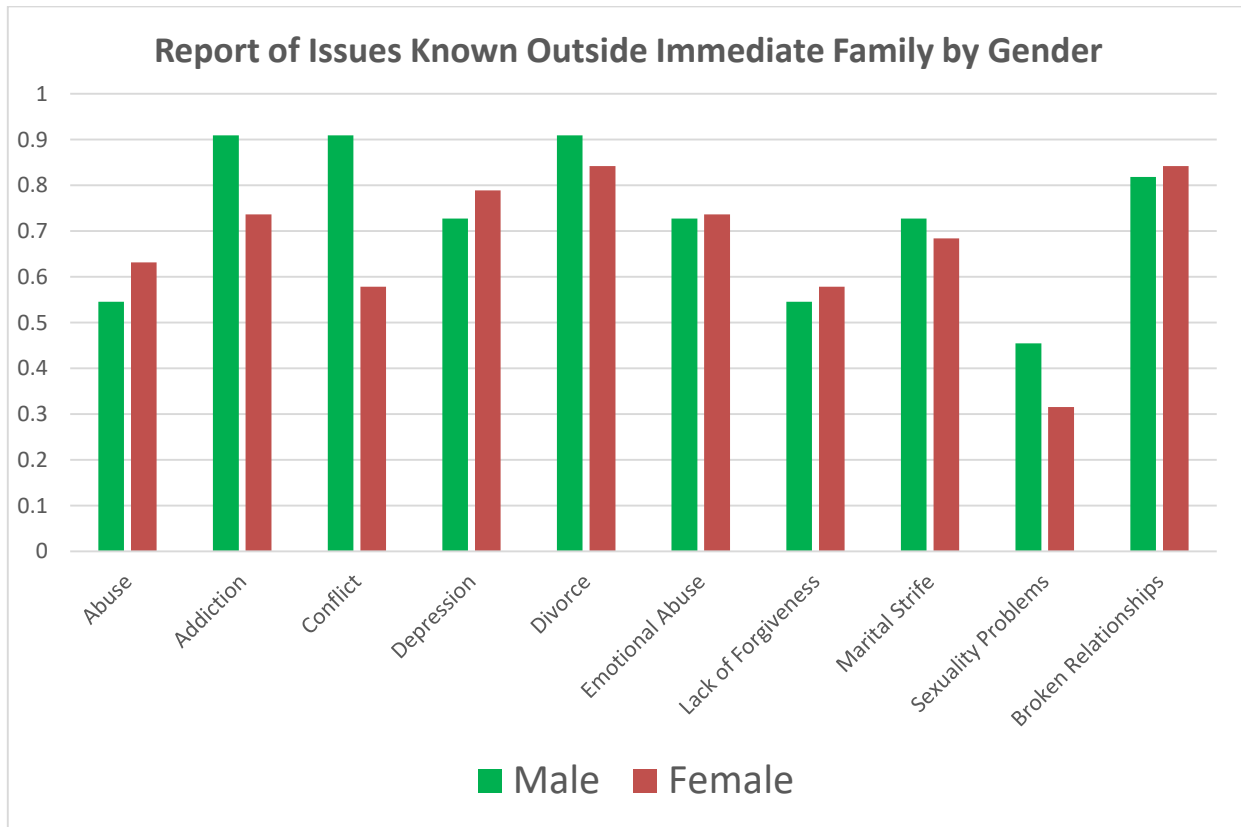


Sought help, effective: 17
Sought help, not effective: 4
Want help, not sought: 2
Don't want to deal with it: 1
Not a problem: 2
Not applicable to me: 4

Conclusion: Most people sought help and in most of those cases it was effective.

Report of issues experienced in immediate family or known of outside immediate family.





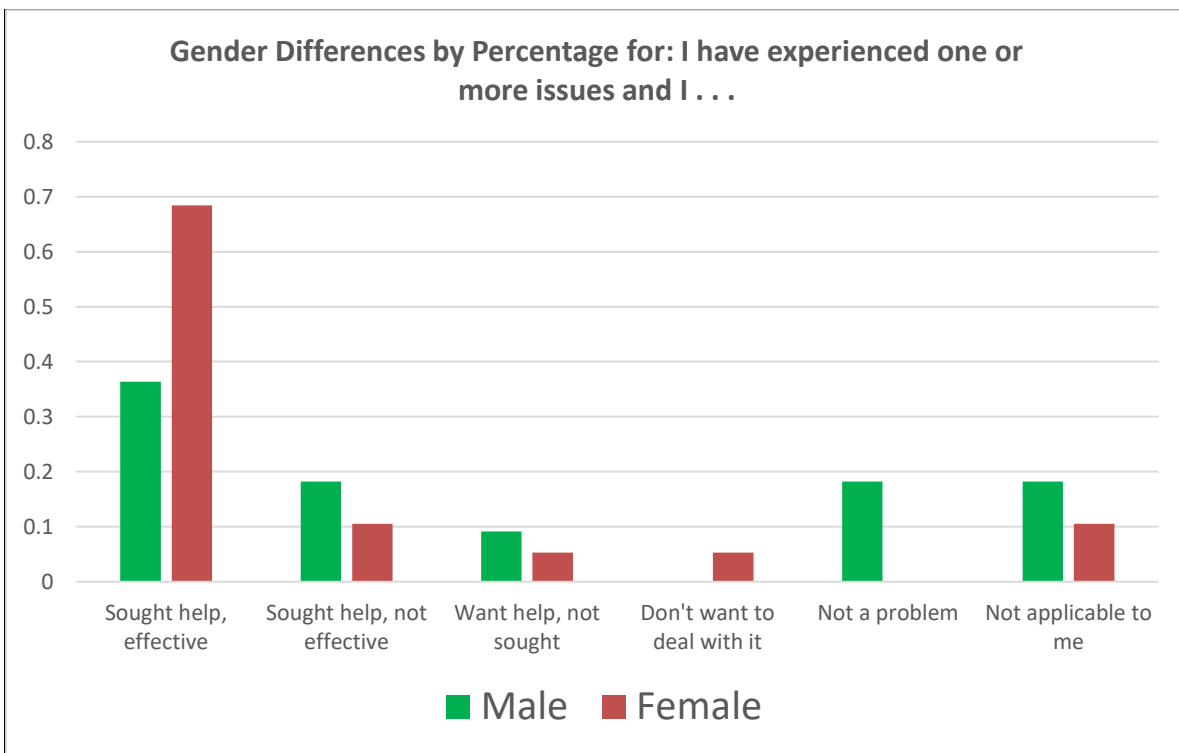
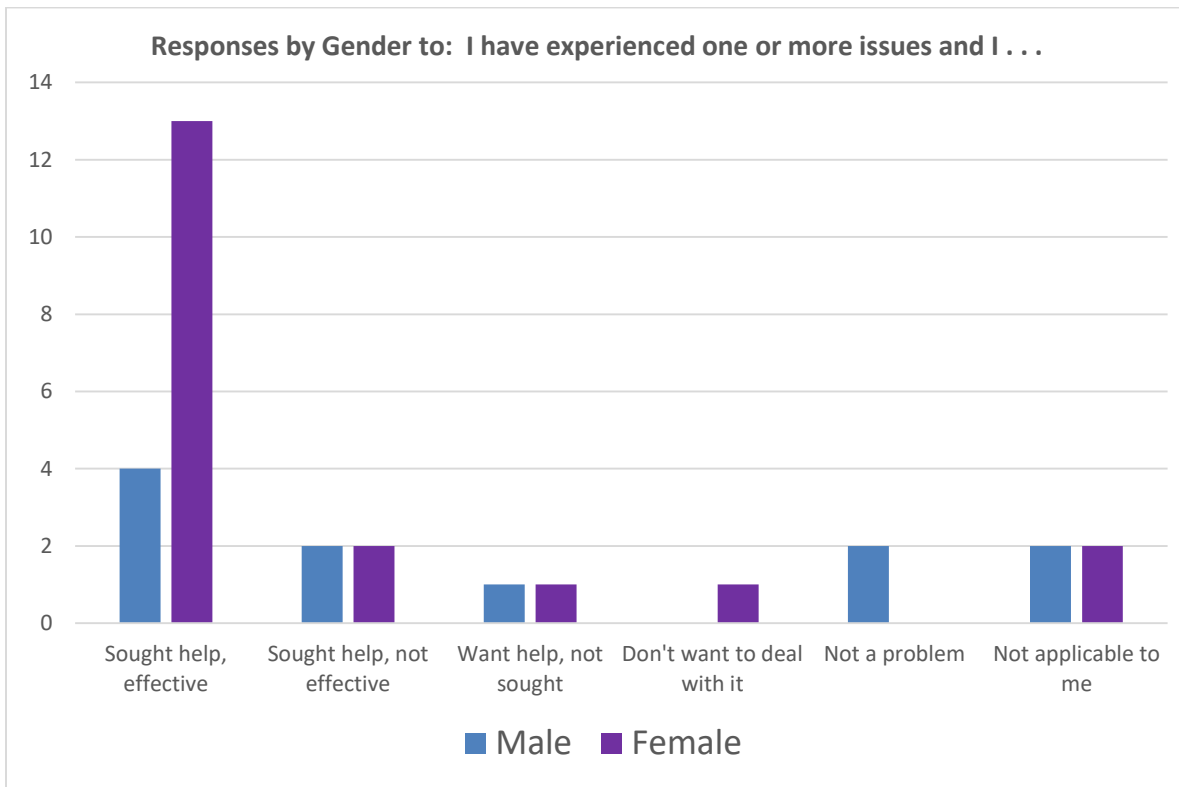
Conclusions: In all cases, except for lack of forgiveness, fewer instances of these issues were reported for the immediate family. It is possible that people are able to assess all of these issues except for lack of forgiveness, when considering people that they know outside of their immediate family. It could be that lack of forgiveness is difficult to discern unless someone is very close to that experience.

Whether inside or outside the immediate family, divorce is the most frequently reported issue, followed by addiction and broken relationships. Conflict, emotional abuse, and marital strife are reported in varying degrees within and outside the immediate family. Incidences of abuse and sexuality problems within the immediate family are reported as low, relative to some of the other issues. Sexuality problems are also the lowest of the items reported for issues known outside the family. This might be explained by the privacy generally associated with sexuality.

When we look at immediate family reporting by gender, we see that men tend to report more abuse, addiction, depression, and divorce; however, the instance of divorce is very close to that reported by women. In contrast, women report slightly more conflict, more lack of forgiveness, and more broken relationships. Women report less abuse, depression, sexuality problems, and slightly less marital strife.

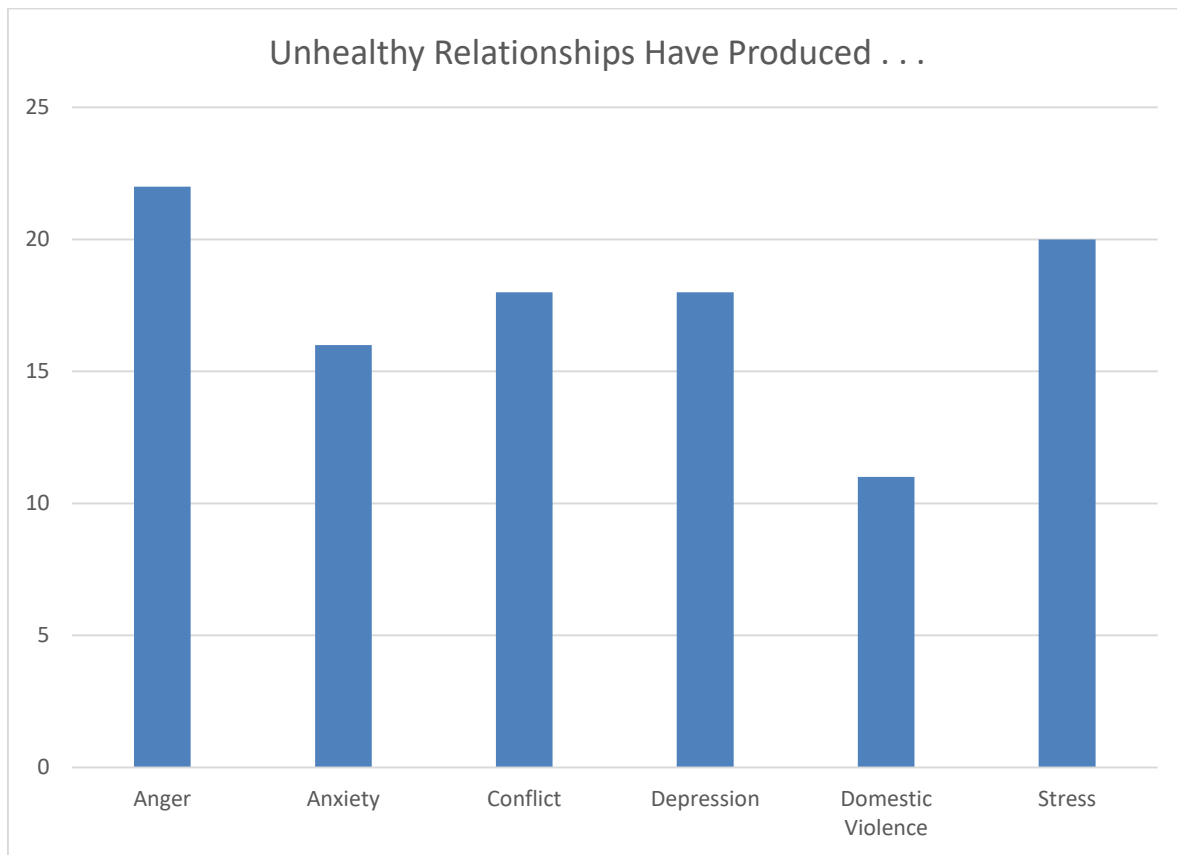
When men and women report on issues outside their immediate family, their perceptions are more similar to each other than for those within the immediate family. But also in this case, women report more abuse, more addiction, less depression, more divorce, more emotional abuse, less lack of forgiveness, more marital strife, slightly more sexuality problems, and slightly more broken relationships. Men report higher levels outside the immediate family for all of the issues except depression and lack of forgiveness.

Report of Action based on Issues Experienced. Issues included: abuse, addiction, conflict, depression, divorce, emotional abuse, lack of forgiveness, marital strife or separation, sexuality problems, broken family relationships.

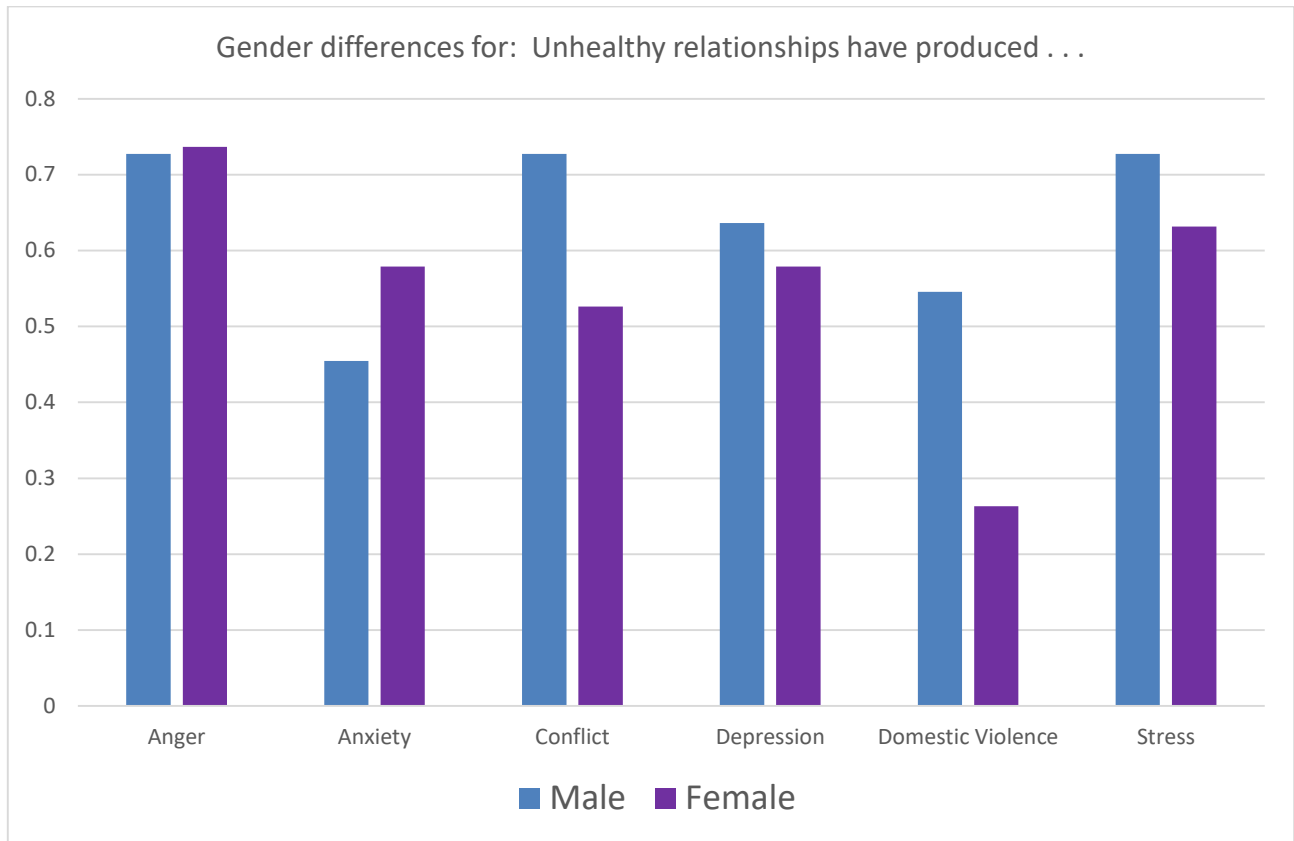


Conclusion: More females sought help. Very slightly more males reported one or more of the following: (a) help was ineffective, (b) did not seek help when wanted, (c) did not see a problem, and/or (d) the issues were not applicable.

Outcomes of Unhealthy Relationships:



Conclusions: Anger and stress are the most cited outcomes of unhealthy relationships. Next are conflict, depression, and anxiety. Domestic violence was the least cited outcome.



Conclusions: Men cite conflict and domestic violence more than women do, as an outcome of unhealthy relationships. They also cite depression and stress slightly more than women in this case. Anger and anxiety are the only outcomes of unhealthy relationships that women cite more often than men.

Discussion, interpretation, and conclusions from other survey results:

[9:50 Break]

Godly Behaviors and Emotions

The Reverend Rob Hartley

Colossians 3:12-15

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

1. Even as Christians, we struggle with hurting or broken relationships

2. The Christian life as an imitation of Jesus.

3. Unhealthy behavior and emotions:

Colossians 3:5-9

4. Godly behaviors and emotions:

Colossians 3:12-13

a. *Compassion*

b. *Kindness*

c. *Humility*

d. *Gentleness*

e. *Patience*

f. *Forbearance*

g. *Put on love*

Colossians 3:14

h. *Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart”*

Colossians 3:15

i. *Forgiveness*

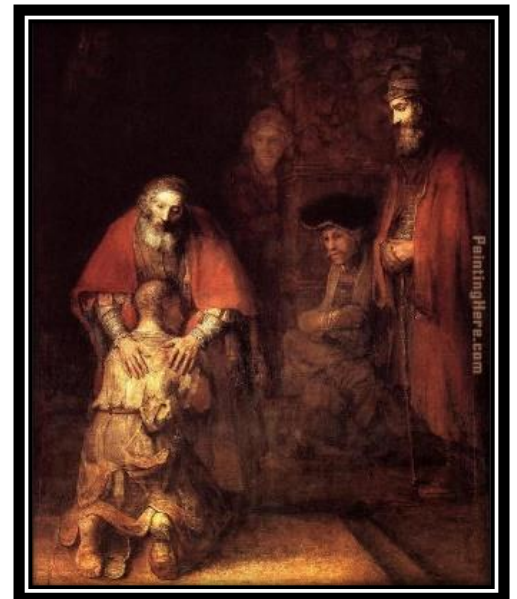
Colossians 3:13

2. Freedom through Forgiving

a. Barriers to Forgiveness

b. What Forgiveness is not

c. What, then, is forgiveness?



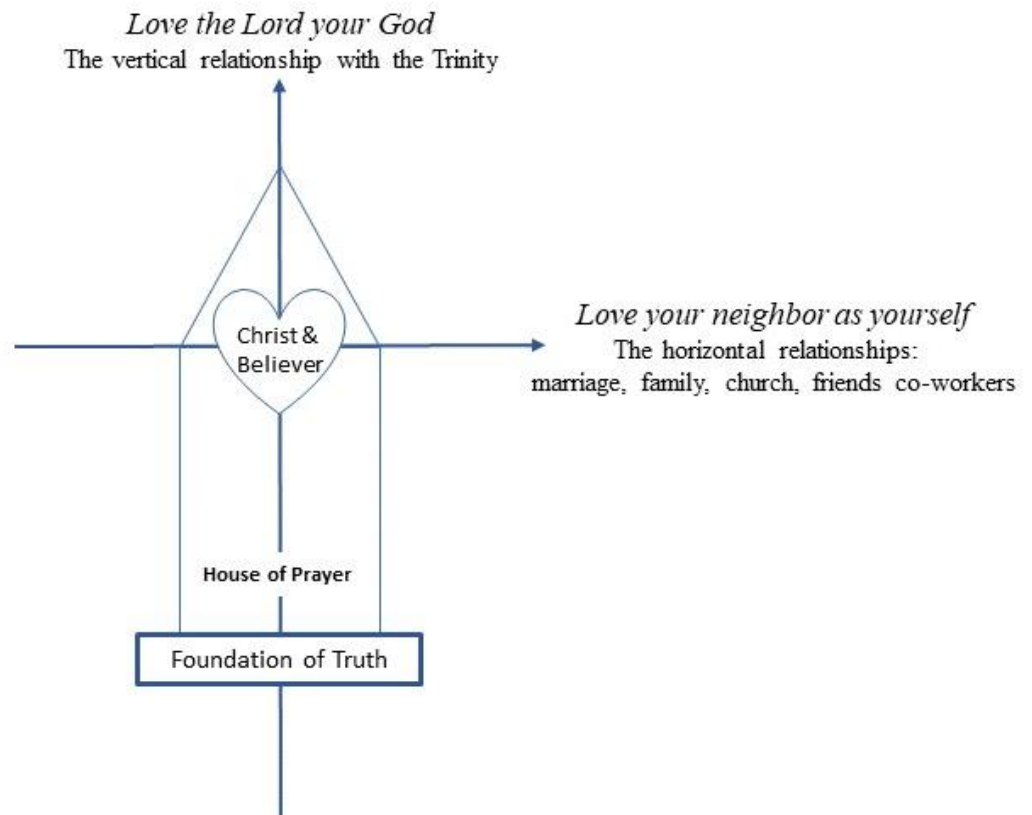
Rembrandt's
Return of the Prodigal Son

[10:50 Break regather with music]

The Preeminence of Prayer in Healthy Relationships

Mrs. Jackie Fekula

The Cross of Love



Healthy relationships begin with a deep personal love relationship with Jesus Christ. When He is pre-eminent and the "First Love" of our lives, all other relationships align.

When the horizontal is broken, it is a sign that the vertical relationship with our Lord needs restoration first.

He welcomes us into His arms to make it right with Him.

Prayer is the pre-eminent vehicle God uses to lead us into the heart of God and to bring our lives and relationships into alignment with His will.

1. *Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all these things.....Matt 6:33*

The Way of the Cross

2. Salvation Testimony

a. From religion to a personal relationship with Jesus

b. Discipling in:

The Word of God

The Holy Spirit

Prayer

3. A Revelation of the Cross

a. Gethsemane - Surrender to the Will of God

b. Calvary - Proof of the Greatest Love - the Bride Price paid.

1 Cor 13 - a Portrait of Christ and the Forgiving Love of God

c. Isaiah 53 - The Balm of Gilead

4. Application = Obedience = Love in Action

a. Tabernacling in Christ - the Secret Place

b. Live a praying life - our Model: Jesus is ever living to intercede for us.

5. Final Testimony - Surrender to Love

Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

[11:50 Noontday Prayers and Fellowship Lunch]

[12:40 Gather with music]

Marriage and Family: The Most Fulfilling of all Human-to-Human Relationships

The Reverend Rob Hartley

Primary Source: Dr. James Dobson, Five Essentials for Lifelong Intimacy (Multnomah, 2005).

Genesis 2:18, 21-24

¹⁸Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

... ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;

she shall be called Woman,

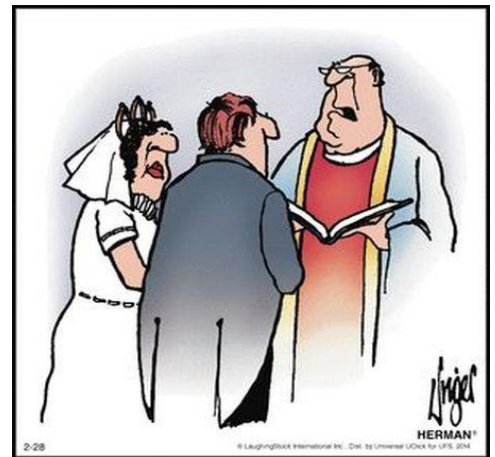
because she was taken out of Man."

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

1. Marriage is God's idea

2. Why traditional marriage matters

- The purpose of marriage from God's perspective
- Healthy marriages as the building blocks for a healthy society



"You're supposed to say 'I do,'
not 'I'll try.'"

The Internet Scavengers - PMSLweb.com

3. Christian marriages are to be different.

- Civil versus Sacramental Marriage
- Two becoming one flesh- What Godly intimacy looks like in marriage

4. The Essentials:

#1- A Christ-Centered Home

#2- Lifelong Commitment

#3- Building Deep and Abiding Trust

#4- Willingness to Communicate:

#5- Understanding the Nature of Love

Holy Trinity's Marriage Course
<https://www.achtna.org/marriage-course>

[1:30 Break]

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Session 7

Saturday, October 27

Divorce: Finding Healing and Moving Beyond to God's Preferred Future

The Reverend Gary Bainton

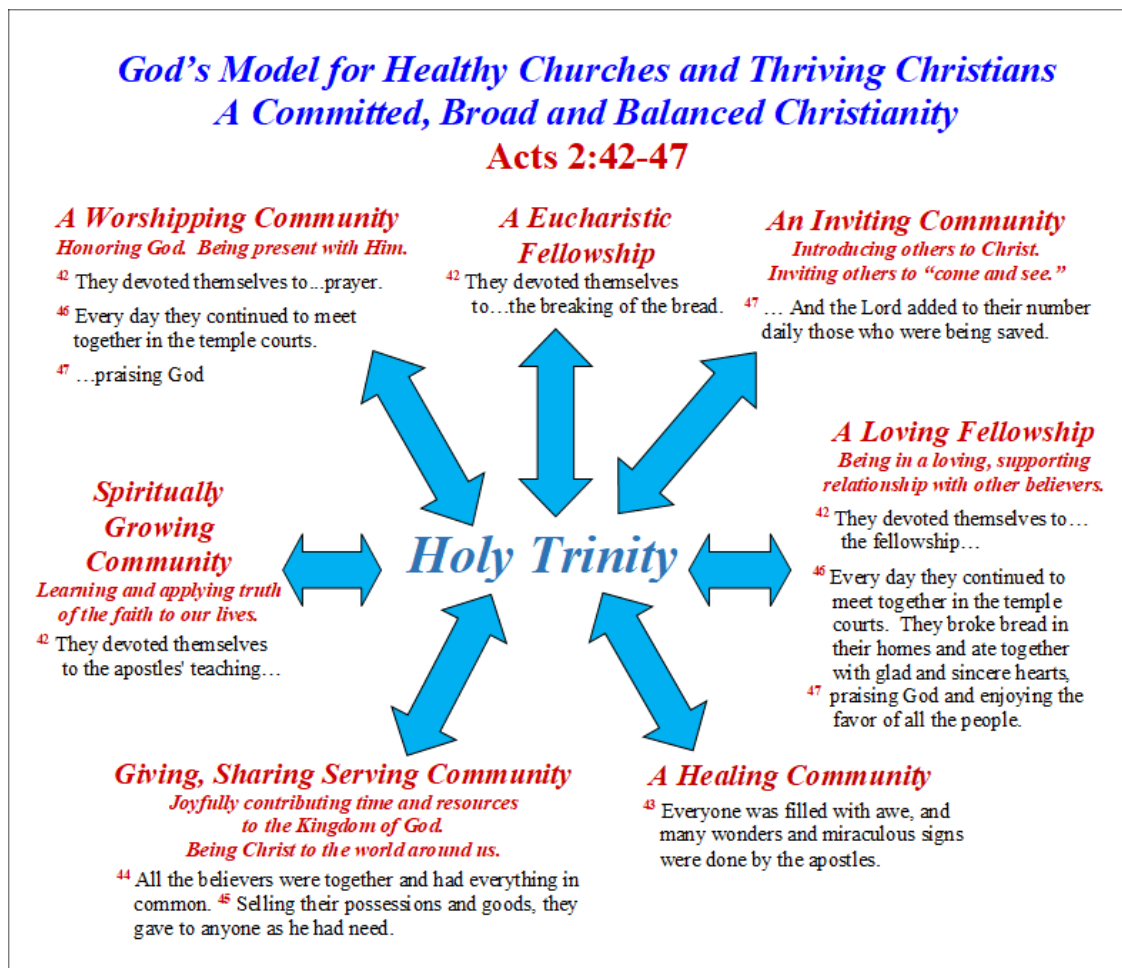
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Made for Community

The Reverend Rob Hartley

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe[a] came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.



Human Relationships through the Lens of Scripture: Summary, Integration, Remarks

The Reverend Gary Bainton

1. Summary
2. Integration
3. Remarks
4. Your Remaining Questions

[12:50 Q&A]

[1:00 Closing Prayers and Dismissal]