



Uncommon Relationships | Jimmy Rollins | 10.27.2024

Weekly Study

S H A R E

In light of this week's message topic, we know a lot of emotion, memories, and pain may have come up to the surface for everyone. While normally it can be hard to look back and process these sorts of feelings, be assured that you are not alone and God has brought you to this specific group of people for this specific time in your life. Our God is so sovereign and intentional in the ways in which He weaves relationships together, so begin your time together with a prayer of invitation. Invite the Holy Spirit to bring the peace and safety of His presence into your time together. And last, in respect of the vulnerability you are cultivating in your group, encourage everyone to be conscious of the amount of time in which they use to share, making sure everyone has a chance to open up to the degree they are comfortable.

Let's begin with a Rose-Bud-Thorn exercise together! These should be relatively quick answers that you can dive deeper into with each other throughout the rest of your meeting. As you share, give an answer for all three.

- **Rose: What is something that is exciting or blossoming in your life, stirring gratitude in you this week?**
- **Bud: What is something that you are looking forward to this week?**
- **Thorn: What is something that you are troubled or worried about this week?**

G R O W

Closing out this eight week series, Pastor Jimmy Rollins brings home what it means to live with uncommon relationships, opening our eyes to the ways in which God uses the people around us to heal the hurt we've carried throughout our lives. The way we show up to our lives is often a product of the pain we've experienced. Through the grace and love of Jesus, He so desperately wants to heal what's inside of us - because what's inside of us has the impact to affect generation after generation.

Read Genesis 12:2-3, Genesis 1:28, & John 10:10

Looking at Scripture, God's original design for life was that we would be fruitful in all things, the root of that being the health of our relationships. Our blessings go beyond monetary value because true blessing has an eternal ripple effect. We are meant to multiply this abundant life for the sake of ourselves and those we love, and yet because of unresolved pain and sin, as Pastor Jimmy put it, "We haven't multiplied fruitfulness, we've multiplied fractures." It is only when we can begin to multiply this kind of eternal fruitfulness that we begin to have dominion over our lives.

Is there a relationship in your life that feels fractured? How often do you find that rift clouding your ability to be present?

What has been the most healthy relationship that you've witnessed? How has that compared to your experience in that area?

Oftentimes shame is poisoning the soil where we desire fruit to grow. Shame can almost always be traced back to believing a lie about yourself and then making an agreement with that lie. Take a moment to ask God what lies you are believing about yourself. What memories stand out to you when you think about this?

M O V E

Now, all of our circumstances are different and the pain and hardship that fill our world are very real. The great equalizer to our human experience is in the pain that we face. The danger we often find ourselves in is when we isolate, compare, or let that pain define us. But with God and together in community, we can find the purpose in our pain and praise Him in the midst of it for the fruit and character it's producing in our lives. It's not that we choose to ignore it or invalidate our experience - we actually need to feel it in order to heal and move forward. But we can't do this alone. God will bring people into our lives to give us a window into the condition of our soul.

Pastor Jimmy reminds us that:

1. Relationships are mirrors that help us see ourselves - reflecting the areas that God wants to address in our lives. Those closest to you are the blueprint of growth for you.
2. Relationships help us measure what's going on inside ourselves. Emotions are indicators so that we can run towards the pain with the Holy Spirit.
3. Relationships that are fractured require mapping to be fruitful. Together in a trusted relationship, trace back some of the major events in your life that have been formative because of pain.

Read 1 John 1:8-9 & James 5:16

Who are the people in your life that act as a mirror to you? What are the honest areas of growth you've noticed God pressing you into?

Throughout this message and study, what emotions have been coming up for you? Can you name them?

Is there pain you've found yourself isolating in? Would you be willing to bring it out into the light and ask for prayer?

P R A Y

This has been a heavier subject to dig into with your community. May we highly encourage you to take extra time to pray for each other during this time, as well as making an effort to intentionally connect with one another throughout the week. Welcome silence in your prayer time - trust that the Holy Spirit is working within the hearts of your group as you wait on the Lord for his comfort and transformative truth.

Call to mind the truth in these passages of Scripture and actively pray them over yourself throughout the week.

- John 1:12
“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God ...”
- Ephesians 1:3-7
“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace ...”
- Romans 8:28
“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”
- Colossians 3:12-14
“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”
- 2 Timothy 1:7
“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.”