

MINISTRY MENTORSHIP

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RELATIONSHIPS HANDOUT

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I. The ABCs of human interaction.

- Authority – laws/systems/government that keep order.
- Bonding – actions and activities that deepen the relationship.
- *“The more you invest, the stronger the relationship grows.”*
- Character – The choices you make determine your character.

II. Four types of relationships

1. Human family (Humanity).

- Largest group.
- *Everyone falls into this group.*

Authority

- Government.
- Law-abiding citizens.
- Matt 22:20-22.

Bonding

- Actions that deepen relationships.
- 2 Cor 3:1-3 Living epistles, known and read by all men, or living letter of what Christ is doing.
- People are reading us everyday.

Character

- Eph. 4:29 Watch the way you talk. Let nothing foul or dirty come out of your mouth. Say only what helps, each word a gift.
- Eph. 4:24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

2. Church family (body of Christ).

- Second largest group.

Authority

- Bible.
- Church government.

Bonding

- Romantic.
- Sisters in Christ.
- Brothers in Christ.

Character

- Faithful.
- Respectful.
- Dependable.

“Despise not the day of small things.” Zach. 4:10

3. Physical family.

- Smaller group.
- Voluntary (companion/children).
- Involuntary (birth family).

Authority

- Parents (until you become an adult).
- Husbands (following the authority of Scripture).

Bonding

- Invest time/money/shared experiences.

Character

- Love (the emotion) is nurtured and respect is earned by our CHOICES.

4. Intimate.

- Smallest group.
- Only group we have full control of choosing.
- Need to choose wisely and intentionally.