

He Gives Us New Relationships  
Study Questions  
July 24, 2016  
Colossians 3:17-4:1

**ICE BREAKER**

**Discuss:** Who was in your household growing up? Share one or two descriptors about each of the people in your childhood home.

**LESSON REVIEW**

**Read Colossians 3:17-4:1.**

**Three Principles For Serving Christ Through Relationships**

**1. Don't manipulate people. Serve God.**

In the video testimony, Scott talked about how he used to see each of his relationships as a "value proposition."

**Discuss:** Who has taught you to use relationships this way? Who has set a more guileless example for you?

**2. Don't perform tasks. Make offerings.**

Remember Andy's story about the stone carvings on ancient synagogues that no one could see?

**Discuss:** If no one but God could see your effort or accomplishments, how would that change the way you spend your time?

**3. Don't seek credit. Anticipate reward.**

Andy said that heavenly reward is opportunity for larger service.

**Read Luke 19:11-27.**

**Three Key Relationships For Practicing These Principles.**

**1. Build your marriage with him in mind.**

**2. Lead your family with him in mind.**

**3. Accomplish your work with him in mind.**

**Discuss:** These are very different audiences: husbands, wives, children, slaves, masters. What theme runs through Paul's advice to all of them? What's the overarching point in this passage?

**APPLICATION**

Take Andy's first three points and his last three sets of relationships. Match them up

with specific ideas for your life this week.

**Discuss:** In the context of your marriage, how can you serve rather than manipulate, offer rather than perform and anticipate rather than demand this week?

How can you do those things in the context of your family?

How can you do those things in your work context?