

Reflection/Discussion Questions

March 29, 2026

Sermon: Genuine Connections

Series: Alignment #5

Bible Texts: Gen. 2:21-25; 3:6, 9-10;

Col. 2:9-10a Eph. 5:21

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1. What's one relationship (marriage, friendship, or family) where you've recently felt the pressure of unspoken expectations? How did that feel?
 2. Share a time when someone failed to "fill a void" in your life—how does that connect to the sermon's illustration of unspoken vows?
 3. What does Genesis 2:21-25 reveal about God's original design for genuine intimacy and oneness?
 4. How do Genesis 3:6, 9-10 describe the shift from "naked and no shame" to shame and hiding?
 5. Observe Colossians 2:9-10—what does it mean that "in Christ you have been brought to fullness"?
 6. How does Ephesians 5:21 ("Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ") serve as the baseline for all our relationships?
 7. Which of the four secrets to building genuine connections challenges you most right now, and why?
 8. Describe a personal area where you've expected someone else to be your savior—how might letting God be God change that?
 9. How can the shift from "taker" to "giver" (Secret #2) transform a specific relationship in your life this week?
 10. What one practical step will you take this week to live out "Only God can be God in my life," and how can the group pray for you?