

AUTHENTIC DISCIPLESHIP AND  
INTENTIONAL DISCIPLEMAKING

# “LOVING OTHERS”

Small Group Disciplemaking  
Foundations



COVENANT EFC



Session 4

# **“Loving Others Into God’s Family”**

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## **Welcome (10 mins)**

As a follow up to Session 3, share with the CG your progress in getting a prayer buddy or cultivating spiritual friendship using the 3-2-1 approach.

As we center down and prepare for the topic today, share one challenge you face when you try to share the gospel with others.



## Worship (15 mins)

Worship the God who awakens us with His love with the songs below.

Your Love Awakens Me (Phil Wickham)

Hosanna (Hillsong)

Witness (Josh Yeoh)

*Note: These are suggestions. You may select other songs.*





## Word (5 mins)

Play Teaching Video 1. You can turn on the subtitles if it is helpful.

After watching the video, proceed to Activity 1.





## Activity 1: Discuss & Share (15 mins)

In groups of 3 or 4, read Acts 17:22-31, and as you read, answer these questions:

1. How did Paul seek to understand the people living in Athens?
2. How did this understanding shape the way he communicated the Gospel?

Discuss your answers with your CG. The answers are all in the text, but you will have to read closely.



## Word (5 mins)

Play Teaching Video 2.

After watching the video, proceed to Activity 2.





## Activity 2: Discuss, Share & Pray (20 mins)

In groups of 3 or 4, discuss how you might show and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to the four personas described in the video (also on the next slide).

Pick **one persona** that you relate to best and try to apply the principles of **Research** (find out more), **Reason**, and **Reach** that we have gleaned from Acts 17. For instance, ask yourself:

- How would you reach this person at his or her point of need?
- How would you relate the Gospel to him or her in terms that they would resonate with?



## Activity 2: Discuss, Share & Pray (20 mins)

The 4 personas are:

1. A **teenage boy** who feels misunderstood and struggles with loneliness
2. A **career woman** who has success and wealth but is weighed down by the stress to perform at work
3. A **parent** who has high expectations for his or her child and is burdened by the demands of parenting
4. A **retiree** who is in reasonably good health and has the time and money to do what he wants, but struggles with a sense of meaning and purpose



## Activity 2: Discuss, Share & Pray (20 mins)

Alternatively, you can share about someone that you are currently trying to reach for Christ. Share honestly about what you are doing now to love and understand this person.

Then pray for one another for **encouragement** and **perseverance** to keep reaching out to these persons.



## Scripture Memory (10 mins)

Pair up with someone and review/recite John 13:34-35, 1 Corinthians 13:7-8a and John 15:15 from the previous sessions. Then practise memorizing the following Scripture for Session 4: "Loving Others Into God's Family".

"...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

– 1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)



## Closing Prayer & Next Steps (5 mins)

As we come to the end of the “Loving Others” series, reflect on how you have grown in loving God by loving others, and the challenges or discouragement you may have experienced. Over the week, read and reflect on Colossians 3:12-14 and use it to pray for yourself. You may wish to use this prayer in your devotional times as well.

“Father in heaven, may my heart never grow cold towards You and the people You have placed in my life. Please cleanse me from all sin and heal every wound. Pour out Your love into my heart once more through the Holy Spirit (Rom 5:5). Help me to put on Your love and to live fully in it (Col 3:14). AMEN.”



## Next Steps (5 mins)

You are strongly encouraged to sign up for the following workshops and get equipped to love God by loving others!

- Gospel Conversations (9 May & 4 July 2026)
- Building Healthy Relationships (23 & 30 May 2026)
- Art of Marriage (6, 7 & 9 Nov 2026)





**Click ↑ for Introductory Video**

## **Gospel Conversations Workshop**

**Date:** 9 May & 4 July 2026

**Time:** 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Venue:** CT Hub #10-26, ACK Centre 2  
Kallang Ave, S339407

**Contact :** [gospelconvo@cefc.org.sg](mailto:gospelconvo@cefc.org.sg)



Sign up:

<https://forms.gle/pySGc2g3nV4gsoyc7>

# BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS



Through D.R.E.A.M.S. (Didactic, Reflection, Experiential, Accountability, Modeling and Spiritual growth), Presence & Pitfalls, Pastor Valerie will show participants what it looks like to practice the presence of God when we relate to one another and what pitfalls we can avoid to minimize conflicts in relationships.

**Date: 23 and 30 May 2026 (2-part series)**

**Time: 0900 to 1300h (per session)**

**Venue: CT Hub #10-10, ACK Centre**

**Registration: Please register by 18 May 2026, 6pm.**



# Workshops and Resources for Growth:

**The art of marriage @CEFC**

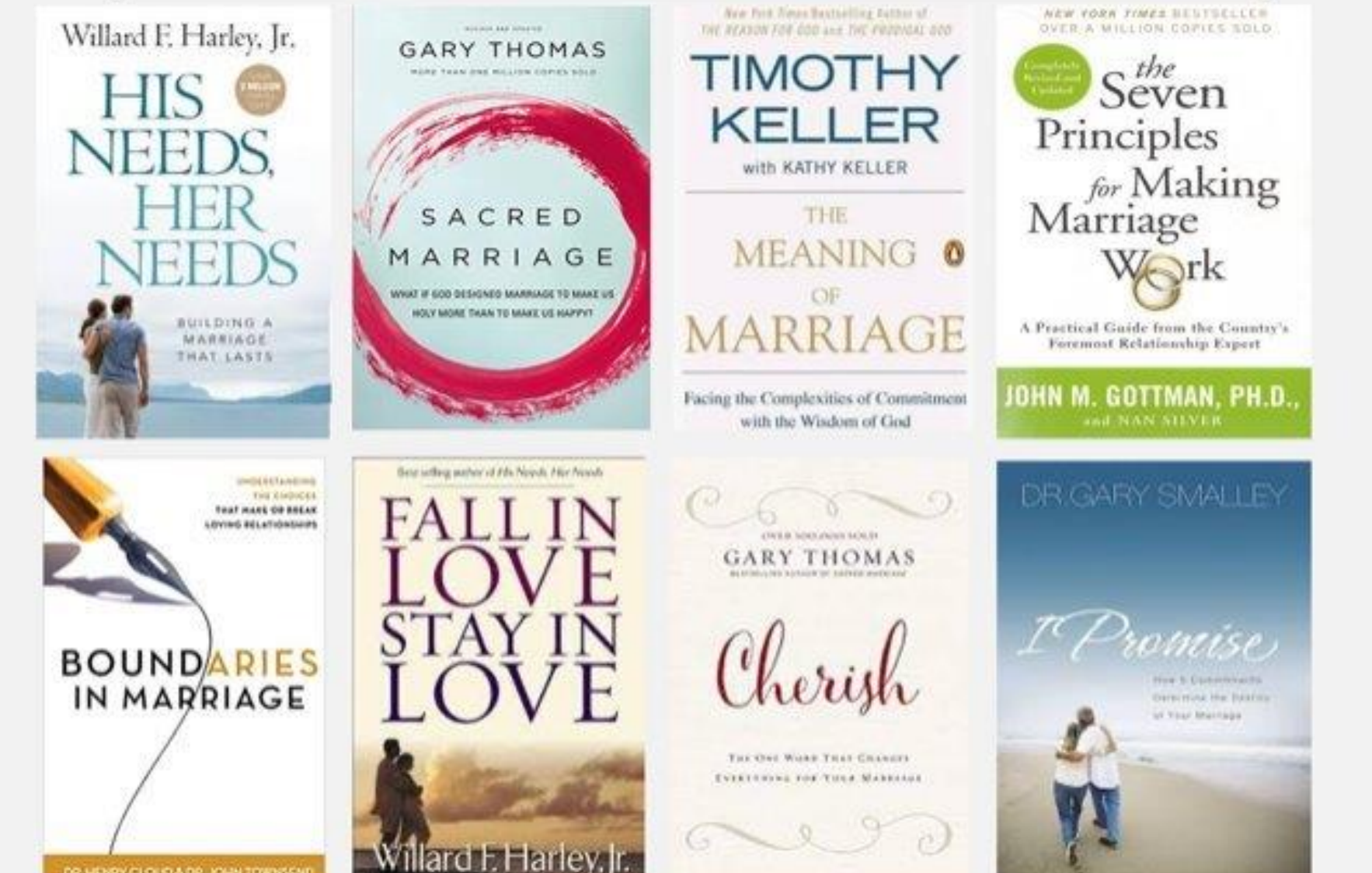
The Art of Marriage (AOM) retreat seeks to strengthen marriages leveraging 6 well-choreographed biblically-based video teaching sessions covering how **“love happens, fades, dances, gets interrupted, sizzles, and leaves a legacy”** including couple and group discussions and ministry time.

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**Highlights**  
Expert interviews • Real-life stories.  
Humorous vignettes • Couple projects  
Time with spouse and other couples  
Full-colour manuals

## BOOKS ON MARRIAGE



- HIS NEEDS, HER NEEDS** by Willard F. Harley, Jr. BUILDING A MARRIAGE THAT LASTS
- SACRED MARRIAGE** by GARY THOMAS. WHAT IF GOD DESIGNED MARRIAGE TO MAKE US HOLY MORE THAN TO MAKE US HAPPY?
- TIMOTHY KELLER** with KATHY KELLER. THE MEANING OF MARRIAGE. Facing the Complexities of Commitment with the Wisdom of God.
- the Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work** by JOHN M. GOTTMAN, PH.D., and NAN SILVER. A Practical Guide from the Country's Foremost Relationship Expert.
- BOUNDARIES IN MARRIAGE** by DR. HENRY CLOUD & DR. JOHN TOWNSEND. UNDERSTANDING THE CHOICES THAT MAKE OR BREAK LOVING RELATIONSHIPS.
- FALL IN LOVE STAY IN LOVE** by Willard F. Harley, Jr. Best selling author of His Needs, Her Needs.
- Cherish** by GARY THOMAS. OVER 500,000 COPIES SOLD. THE ONE WORD THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE.
- I Promise** by DR. GARY SMALLEY. How to Commitmentally Guarantee the Future of Your Marriage.

Save the dates: 6, 7 & 9 Nov 2026

# Further Resources for Growth:

## Online Resources:

- ["How do I tell my friends about Jesus?" \(Sam Chan\)](#)

[This is the "Coffee – Dinner – Gospel" frame for spiritual conversations]

- [Relationships \(CEFC\)](#)
- [Conversations \(CEFC\)](#)
- [Bless \(CEFC\)](#)

