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| **SERIES** | On Earth As In Heaven |
| **BIBLE** | Revelation 21; Ephesians 4 |
| **TITLE/TOPIC** | Relationships Set Right -> From Broken to Whole through Repentance… |
| **OVERVIEW** | At the root of all human evil is broken relationships. From wicked dictators to fallen pastors to members of our own families – sin separates us from God and those God has given us to love. What joy awaits those who are in Christ!! One day we’ll enjoy a perfect relationship with God living among us. And from our glorified union with God, we will have whole and holy relationships with one another. But until that day in heaven tomorrow, Jesus is here to empower us to set our relationships right today. In Christ we can experience a new way to think and build relationships as we put off our old selves and let God renew us in the likeness of Jesus.  |
| **SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN** | **In heaven tomorrow… our relationships will be holy and whole because our holy God will live with us and be our God. (Revelation 21: 3)** **On earth today because of heaven tomorrow… Our new life in Christ results in a new way to think, behave and do relationships (Ephesians 4:17-24)***We must repent (and keep repenting) of the futile thinking of those separated from God. (17-19)**We must learn (and keep on learning) how to apply (trust and obey, “put on”) the truth that is in Jesus. (20-24)* **On earth today because of heaven tomorrow… We can become increasingly like Jesus through “putting off” sin and “putting on” righteousness (Ephesians 4: 25-32)***Be done with falsehood (lies, deceit, manipulation); replace with truthful speech in every relationship. (25)**Be done with sinful anger; replace with intentional, daily confrontation of anger, not allowing the devil to influence our relationships. (26-27)**Be done with stealing; replace with hard work and generosity. 28**Be done with talk that tears down; replace with tailor made, grace-filled words that build others up. (29)**Be done with ignoring the Holy Spirit and poisoning relationships; replace with the kindness, compassion and forgiveness of Jesus. (30-32)* **On earth today because of heaven tomorrow… We can infuse our relationships with the selfless and sacrificial love of Jesus . (Ephesians 5:1-2)**  |
| **GOSPEL** | How does this sermon bring people to the Gospel?Salvation – The consequences of the brokenness of sinful relationships are ours until we put our faith in Jesus Christ. Only in Christ are we given power to put off sin and put on His character.  |
| **NEXT**STEPS | Begin | Connect | Engage | Grow | DiscipleConnect - Life Groups are about growing in healthy relationships, relationships that spur us on to continually repent of sin and love as God loved us.  |