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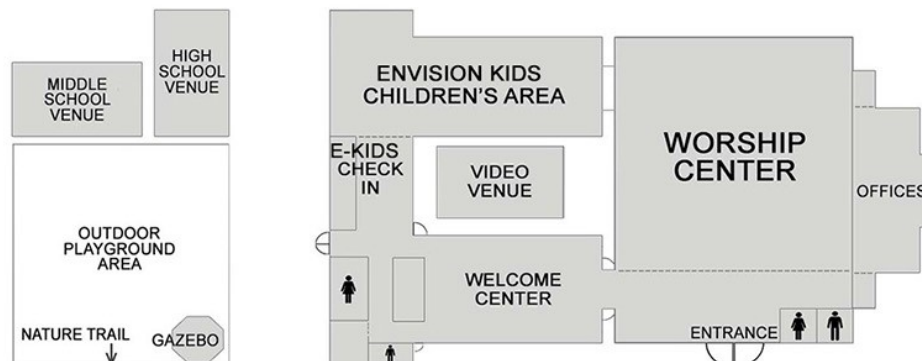
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### *Got Kids?*

Envision Kids @ 10:45am is a safe & fun experience for children birth-grade 5. Students grades 6-12 will be challenged through Embark Student Ministry. Middle school services @ 9am & 10:45am in the Middle School Venue. High school services @ 9am & 10:45am in the High School Venue.

### *Connect Card*

Please take a moment to complete the Connect Card found with your Worship Packet. Fill in as much information as you feel comfortable giving & drop the card in the basket as you exit.



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NAVIGATING LIFE TOGETHER

*Welcome!*  
*We're glad you're here!*

February 7, 2021

### *Our Mission:*

Emmanuel exists to give you the best opportunity to become a fully-developing follower of Jesus.

### *Our Core Values:*

- We Value Jesus
- We Value People
- We Value Generosity
- We Value Connection Groups
- We Value Growth
- We Value Service
- We Value Relevance
- We Value Unity & Diversity
- We Value Application of Scripture

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## Investing in Healthy Relationships

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### How to Invest in Healthy Relationships

#### 1. I need to see my relationships as a gift from God

*Then God said, "Let us make human beings on our image, to be like us. So, God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply."*

Genesis 1:26-28 NLT

*And yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the potter. We are all formed by your hand. Don't be so angry with us, Lord. Please don't remember our sins forever. Look at us, we pray, and see that we are all your people.* Isaiah 64:8-9 NLT

*So, you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."*

Romans 8:15 NLT

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.* John 3:16 NIV

- God is relational \_\_\_\_\_
- God created us to be in \_\_\_\_\_
- Relationships have \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION STEP: I will begin to see the value in each relationship I have from God's perspective.

#### 2. I need to learn to let go of past hurts

*Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.* Psalm 25:7 NIV

*Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight!*

Psalm 32:1 NLT

*For I will be merciful toward their evil deeds, and their sins I will remember no longer.*

Hebrews 8:12 NET

- The same mercy I \_\_\_\_\_ is the same mercy I must \_\_\_\_\_.

*Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.* Colossians 3:13 NLT

ACTION STEP: With God's help, I will begin to extend the mercy I enjoy with those in my life.

#### 3. I need to accept things as they are, not as they used to be

*I don't mean to say that I already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead. I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.*

Philippians 3:12-14 NLT

*Didn't we tell you this would happen while we were still in Egypt? We said, "Leave us alone! Let us be slaves to the Egyptians. It's better to be a slave in Egypt than a corpse in the wilderness!" But Moses told the people, "Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today."* Exodus 14:12-13 NLT

- Relationships \_\_\_\_\_ over time. What is God doing in them \_\_\_\_\_?

ACTION STEP: I will begin to focus on what is before me in my relationships more so than what used to be or what might be.

### Memory Verse

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### Next Steps:

- I will make a first-time commitment to Jesus.
- I will invite someone to join me online or on campus for this message series.
- I will pray for Pastor Justin, Rebecca, and Lydia as they transition to Emmanuel.