

Relational Needs Course

Attention/Affection

- ...“that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.” **1 Corinthians 12:25 ESV**
- **Attention - conveying appropriate interest, concern or care. Taking intentional steps to get to know a person. It’s entering into someone's world. Opposite, neglect.**
- **Affection - Expressing care with an appropriate touch by saying - ‘I care for you’. Something you would hear a mother say. Opposite, coldness.**
- “This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.” **1 Corinthians 12:25-26 NLT**
- “One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn’t receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.” Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.” **Mark 10:13-16 NLT**
- Here are some suggestions on meeting the need of attention:
 - **Spend time with your ‘one another’**

- **Enter their world. What are some ways to enter into your near one's world?**
 - **Listen with interest.**
- **"Greet one another with a holy kiss." Romans 16:16 ESV**
 - **Affection** - expressing care with an appropriate touch, by saying I care for you.
 - **Display affection through appropriate physical touch.**
 - **Display affection through loving words.**
 - **Ask your near one child, when was a time your need of attention/affection met? How did it make you feel?**
 - **Today you can experience the attention and affection of Jesus**
 - What are some practical ways you can express the love of Jesus through meeting the needs of attention and affection to your one another?
 - Who do you know that needs more attention or affection from you this week?

Notes: