



## Home Group D-Guide

### *How To Treat People Right*

**ICEBREAKER:** What's something valuable that you accidentally dropped and broke? Describe the situation.

**OVERVIEW:** Sometimes it is hard to know how to treat people right. The Bible has some clear cut rules, but the life is filled with many situations that the Bible doesn't specifically address. The Bible has many principles, but sometimes it is difficult to know how to apply those principles to your relationships. That's why Jesus gave us the Golden Rule — a single rule for all the occasions in life when you don't have a rule. Let's dig deeper and learn how to better apply the Golden Rule to our lives.

1. **Read Matthew 7:12.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. How is Jesus' version of the Golden Rule different from those who stated it in the negative such as, "What is hateful to yourself, do not do to someone else"?
3. The Golden Rule teaches the importance of empathy in relationships. Empathy is trying to put yourself in their shoes in order to feel what they are feeling; it is trying to see the situation through their eyes, from their perspective. How does the Golden Rule utilize the power of empathy? And why is empathy both essential and helpful in relationships?

4. The Golden Rule focuses on your duty rather than on what people deserve. Does God really want us to ignore the way people treat us?
5. How does the Golden Rule point to your need for Christ?
6. How can the Golden Rule make you a better (pick one) spouse, parent, son/daughter, citizen, employee, or boss?
7. Read Matthew 22:37-40. What is the difference between the Golden Rule and verse 39?
8. The Golden Rule shows how deeply God cares about your relationships. Why do you think your relationships with people are so important to God?
9. Think about your most important relationships. Is there anyone whom you can treat in a more loving and God-honoring way? Be specific.

**The Last Word:** To know how to please God in your relationships, go out of your way to treat people the way you would want to be treated. Evaluate all of your relationships in light of this question, "How would I want to be treated?"