

With the People

This series is all about making a lasting, spiritual investment in people by examining some of the barriers that exist between us and deep, spiritual relationships. In *From the Garden*, we looked at God's design for us as relational creatures. We also looked at our fall from perfect intimacy with God and each other. While we recognize that we were designed to be connected in community to one another, we live in a world where that requires constant effort. In *With the People*, we examine some of the things that keep us together and draw us apart. Do we choose to invest our lives in people or spend them on stuff? Are we more interested in advancing our own popularity or in sticking our necks out for others? Are we willing to give people a second (and third) chance, or do we bind them to their past mistakes? These are the three sets of questions dealt with in each of the three lessons that make up *With the People*.