

Theme: This brief series takes a look at the slippery spots in relationships where they can be damaged if not navigated correctly. It helps people to identify and avoid these potential slips, and then regain a foothold when the relationship has slipped.

## **I. Manipulationslips (When People Become gods)**

- A. Theme: Relationships are damaged when we act out of the improper motivation to manipulate others to meet our needs, but are repaired when we follow Christ and let our actions be driven by the motivation to minister to the deepest needs of the other person.
- B. Text: Philippians 2:3-11
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

## **II. Slip of the Tongue (When Words Hurt)**

- A. Theme: Relationships can be strengthened or damaged by words - which are the overflow of the heart - and repairing them requires confession and repentance in word and deed.
- B. Text: Proverbs 12:18
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

## **III. Slipping Into Something More Comfortable (When Being Real Frightens You)**

- A. Theme: Longing for acceptance we have fallen captive to shame and fear - which condemns us to relationships of isolation and apathy. Now our rescue can only be found in perfect integrity.

- B. Text: Genesis 3:11
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Revelation 3:5

## **IV. Slipping Over the Line (When Trust Is Broken)**

- A. Theme: Relationships are ruptured when we sin against one another, but as those forgiven all of our sins through Christ, we must forgive one another so that the relationship can be restored.
- B. Text: Colossians 3:13
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Psalm 79:9/Luke 11:4

## **V. Slip Sliding Away (When Relationships Suffer From Neglect)**

- A. Theme: Relationships die from neglect if we do not realize their importance and work through relationships to keep them healthy.
- B. Text: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

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