

The Relationship Question

There's a question you can ask yourself that will bring inescapable clarity to just about every relational decision you'll bump up against. But a word of warning: it's not for the faint of heart.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Read John 13:33–35 aloud. What key phrases stand out to you and why?
- 2. What does love require of me? When you ask yourself that question, what relationship comes to mind? Why?

Questions to ask yourself related to the previous messages in this series:

- 3. Am I being honest with myself, really? You'll never get where you want to be until you're honest about where you currently are. Is there a specific decision or an area of your life that you've justified your way into? If so, what is it?
- 4. What story do I want to tell? Every decision you make is part of y1our story, so make it a story you are proud to tell. Is there a chapter that it's time to close? Is there a new one that needs to begin?
- 5. Is there a tension that deserves my attention? Sometimes things look good on paper, but you know internally that there's a reason to pause and take a second look. What's a time you're glad you hesitated? When did not paying attention to the tension cost you?
- 6. What is the wise thing for me to do? A decision can be "not wrong" and "not wise" at the same time. So in light of your past experience, your current circumstances, and your future hopes and dreams, what is the wise thing for you to do? In what situation do you need to be asking yourself that now?

The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.

- Proverbs 27:12 (NIV)