



## *Relational Awareness ~ Introduction*

### *PowerPoint Notes*

#### **LEARN HOW TO:**

- Improve Relationships –  
Marriage, Dating, Friends, Family
- Recognize Relationship Red Flags
- Respond to those who are being Mistreated
- See God's Plan for Relationships
- Recognize abusive patterns

### **Domestic Kindness is An Organization that Equips Churches to Be Part of the Solution to Domestic Abuse**

#### **What We Do:**

- Our primary mission is to educate the Christian community about the epidemic of domestic abuse and to instruct in methods of what we can do to help solve the problem.

#### **What We Don't Do:**

- We don't rescue.
- We don't counsel or give advice.

#### **What We Do:**

- We connect victims and abusers to expert help.
- We provide teaching about healthy relationships and godly living.

### **Domestic Kindness trains a group of church members who become a permanent Domestic Kindness Action Team (DKAT) at their church**

The DKAT educates the church through:

**WORKSHOPS BIBLE STUDIES SERMON SUGGESTIONS LEADERS' TRAINING**

The DKAT connects the suffering to: **RECOMMENDED RESOURCES**

#### **Introduction to Phil Meister**

(one of the Domestic Kindness instructors)

1. Why is he involved?
2. His history

## Why was this Organization created?

1. Domestic Abuse Destroys Many Lives
2. Christians need to know how to deal with this issue
3. Domestic Abuse is an Epidemic



## Domestic Abuse is a PANDEMIC

### In the USA, how many cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed?

As of February 2021, the number of confirmed cases is Nearly **28 million**

### How many families in the USA are touched by Domestic Abuse?

The population of the USA is over 320,000,000

1 in 4 families in the USA have been touched by Domestic Abuse. That means...  
Over **80 million** people in the USA are affected!

## Churches sometimes give Bad Advice

- Couples Counseling (One of the worst things you can do)
- Pray More
- Love, Sacrifice, & Forgive More (increases abuse)
- Keep the Marriage Together no matter what (They say “Divorce is worse than Abuse”)
- Blaming the Victim - Assuming the Victim has a part in the Marital Conflict – They ask:  
“What are you doing to make him/her angry?”  
“Why are you attracted to abusers?”
- Confronting the Abuser (can be dangerous for the victim)

### What was God’s plan in creating people?

To live in harmony with Him and with each other.

### Why is our nation in the midst of turmoil right now?

Because of hatred and selfishness on the part of so many. This was never God’s plan. It makes Him sad to see cruelty and violence perpetrated on the innocent.

## What would the world look like if every home was a haven of love and kindness?

## In Today’s Lesson We Will Discuss:

- The Study Syllabus
- Small Group and Prayer Guidelines
- Relationship Red Flags
- Healthy Relationships
- Domestic Violence Statistics

**The application for this week is:** Ask God to reveal a red flag in one of your relationships or in a relationship you’ve observed.

***Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God ~ Matthew 5:9***