

Sermon Discussion Questions: Live in Life-Giving Community – 1.23.2022



Connect: (5-10 min) If your best friend had amnesia, how would you describe community to them? What example would you use to help in your description?

Daily Devotions: (15-25 min) Look over last week's SOAP. Which day of SOAP Bible reading stood out to you? What did find interesting? How did the readings connect with what is happening in your life?

Keep the Conversation Going: (15-20 min) What stuck out to you or stuck with you from this week's sermon?

The New Testament is full of instructions on how to treat "one another" in the church family. Actually, 59 "one another" statements are recorded to help us have healthy relationships. Let's look at four of these statements together.

Read James 5:16 – Pray for One Another

Have you ever had a relationship in which you could talk honestly about sin? What are the barriers to this type of relationship? How does confession of sin with one another impact our prayer lives?

Read Romans 12:16 – Live in Harmony with One Another

Using a music metaphor to explain harmony in the church. What are the many different ways that the world separates us into different groups? How can snobbery break up God's intention for his people?

Read Galatians 5:13 - Serve One Another

How can devoting time, energy, and resources to serving others keep you from pursuing frivolous and even sinful behavior? How good are you at seeing needs and meeting those needs? Why or why not?

Read Ephesians 4:32 – Forgive One Another

In what way does remembering God's forgiveness of your sin help you forgive those that have sinned against you? Why is forgiveness vital to healthy relationships?

Mirror: (10 min) / Take Away: (5-10 min)

Look back at the four "one another" statements in this discussion guide. Pray for One Another. Live in Harmony with One Another. Serve One Another. Forgive One Another. Develop an action step that will help you live with "one another".

Share and Listen: (5-10 min)

God speaks to his people through his people. If something caught your attention, stuck in your mind, or struck you, please share it. It could be for someone else. This works both ways. If someone is sharing, please listen. It could be God speaking to you.

Close in Prayer: Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplication (Request)

- o A – Praise Jesus for offering salvation to all who will confess, believe, and trust in him.
- o C – Confess your sin as the Holy Spirit revealed through these verses.
- o T – Thank God for giving people, like you, the privilege of living in life-giving community with others.
- o S – Ask God to help you be confident in participating in a life-giving community with others.