

THE GREATEST STORY EVER *retold*

Week One: Community

TODAY'S VERSES:

Genesis 1:27
Romans 1:19-20
Genesis 1:26
Deuteronomy 6:4
Genesis 2:25
John 13:34-35
Galatians 6:2-5
Romans 15:7
James 5:16
Romans 16:16

UPCOMING:

Find all links at:
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BIG IDEA:

We all try to hide our failures because we want to be loved, but that hiding is what keeps us from experiencing true love. We hide because we think if someone truly knew us there is no way they would love/like us. But we can never truly love one another without being fully known.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What is, how would you define, FAMILY?
How does the trinity help us see that at His core, God is relational?
Describe a time you felt like you belonged in a community of people?

Do you have any experience where you wanted to belong, but you ended up hiding who you truly were?

Do you believe, as a Christian, you are a part of God's new family?

God's solution to loneliness is the church.

How have you found this to be true or untrue?

How could "the church" (Element) do better?

How can you be a part of the solution for others?

In what ways might God be calling you to help other's in their loneliness?

What does it mean to truly welcome others into your life?

How can we best disciple one-another through practical life together?

How does confession, prayer, and healing go together in the practical every-day stuff of life?

Reflecting on 2020 and the COVID lock down, how can we improve welcoming outsiders and fight loneliness within the church?

Read James 5:16.

What do you need to confess to one another in order for others to truly SEE you, and ACCEPT you so you can better belong?

Spend time reading through the one-anothers found in supplemental document, asking God to show you how/where you can begin to love others:

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THE *One-Another*s OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

The Gospels

1. "...Be at peace with each other" (Mark 9:50)
2. "...Wash one another's feet" (John 13:14)
3. "...Love one another..." (John 13:34-35; John 15:12, 17)

Paul's Letters

Romans, I Corinthians, II Corinthians

4. "Love one another" (Romans 13:8)
5. "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love..." (Romans 12:10)
6. "Honor one another above yourselves" (Romans 12:10)
7. "Live in harmony with one another..." (Romans 12:16)
 8. "...Stop passing judgment on one another" (Romans 14:13)
9. "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you..." (Romans 15:7)
 10. "...instruct one another" (Romans 15:4)
 11. "Greet one another with a holy kiss..." (Romans 16:16; I Corinthians 16:20, II Corinthians 13:12; I Thessalonians 5:26)
12. "...When you come together to eat, wait for each other" (I Corinthians 11:33)
 13. "...Have equal concern for each other" (I Corinthians 12:25)
14. "...Serve one another in love" (II Corinthians 13:12)

Galatians, Ephesians

15. "Carry each other's burdens..." (Galatians 6:2)
16. "If you keep on biting and devouring each other... you will be destroyed by each other" (Galatians 5:15)
17. "Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other" (Galatians 5:26)
18. "...Be patient, bearing with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:2)
19. "Be kind and compassionate to one another..." (Ephesians 4:32)
20. "...forgiving each other..." (Ephesians 4:32)
21. "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" (Ephesians 5:19)
22. "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ" (Ephesians 5:21)

Philippians, Colossians

23. "...in humility consider others better than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3)
24. "Do not lie to each other..." (Colossians 3:9)
25. "Bear with each other..." (Colossians 3:13)
26. "...Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another" (Colossians 3:13)
27. "Teach...[one another]" (Colossians 3:16)
28. "...admonish one another" (Colossians 3:16)

I Thessalonians, Hebrews

29. "...make your love increase and overflow for each other" (I Thessalonians 3:12)
 30. "Encourage one another" (I Thessalonians 4:18, 5:11; Hebrews 10:25)
31. "...Build each other up..." (I Thessalonians 5:11)
32. "Encourage one another daily..." (Hebrews 3:13)
33. "Spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24)

Other Letters

James, I Peter, I John, II John

34. "...Do not slander one another" (James 4:11)
35. "Don't grumble against each other" (James 5:9)
36. "Confess your sins to each other..." (James 5:16)
 37. "...Pray for each other" (James 5:16)
38. "...Love one another deeply, from the heart" (I Peter 1:22, 4:8)
39. "...Live in harmony with one another..." (I Peter 3:8)
40. "Greet one another with a kiss of love" (I Peter 5:14)
41. "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling" (I Peter 4:9)
42. "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others..." (I Peter 4:10)
43. "...Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another..." (I Peter 5:15)
 44. "Love one another" (I John 3:11, 23, 4:7,11,12; II John 5)