Love One Another

The Glue of Christian Community

Glue: What is the purpose of different types of glue? List five different types of glue and its purpose.

In the context of putting on the new self (Col 3:1-17), Paul mentions the role that “love” plays in biblical relationships. “And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony” (3:14).

One Another and Love

Read these verses that connect one another practices with loving one another.

Be devoted to one another
Rom 12:10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.

Honor one another
Rom 12:10 "Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

Serve one another
Gal 5:13 You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.
Bearing with one another

Eph 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Live in harmony with one another

1 Pet 3:8 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

The Hallmark of Christian Community

John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Love One Another Verses

John 15:12 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

John 15:17 “These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

Romans 12:10 “Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.”

1 Thessalonians 3:12 “and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you”

1 Peter 1:22 “Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart”

1 Peter 4:8 “Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.”

1 John 3:23 “And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.”

1 John 4:7 “Let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.”

1 John 4:11 “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

Loving my brothers and sisters (from A Gospel Primer by Milton Vincent)
Read the following verses and answer the following question.

Why do you think we could call loving one another the "Hallmark" of Christian community?

John 15:12, 17
Rom 12:10
1 Th 3:12
1 Pet 1:22, 4:8
1 John 3:23, 4:7, 4:11

Read the following quote. James Boice states, “Finally, we are told that we should love one another in that love is God’s present and continuing activity. What God is doing is working in Christians through love in order that others who do not yet know him might see him through such divine activity. Do those who are not yet Christians see God in you? It is a breathtaking thought. But this verse [John 13:35] teaches that they can and will, if you will love others.”

How have you seen what Boice is suggesting lived out? Be specific.

John 13:34-What does it look like to love one another within the body of Christ? What opportunities do you see?

John 13:35- How is the gospel manifested when others see the love we have for one another?
REPENT

Where does this lesson show a need for a change of attitude or behavior, and/or your need for Christ?

BELIEVE

What does this lesson invite you to believe about God and the redemptive work of Christ? What does this lesson invite you to believe about God’s care for you?

FIGHT

As you trust what you discovered above, how should you to live because of it and through it?
Accountability

Before your time together, think about the questions below. You might be asked any of these questions and you may be asking them of one another during your time together. These questions will help you to examine your life in light of the truth you explored this week and allow each of you an opportunity to encourage each other. Space is below so that you may jot down any notes during the discussions in your meeting so that you may post on Facebook and other social media.

What sins have you been struggling with for which you need to repent?

Where have you been repenting lately?

Where in your life have you not been believing the gospel?

Where in your life do you need to fight?

What step have you been heavy footed in lately?
Mission

How can we love the un-churched where we live, play and work?

Share briefly an update on how the relationship is going with the three people on your prayer tags.

What would the next step in one of these relationships look like? Each of you help brainstorm ways to further the relationship or take steps towards sharing the gospel.

In general, do you feel encouraged or discouraged in these three relationships?
Supplication

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

Phil 4:6-7

Share your prayer requests with one another. Space is provided below to write them down. Use this to help remind you what to pray for each other during the week.

In addition, there are a few questions to help you share requests.

What are your prayer requests regarding the truth this week?

In light of the discussion this week what do you need to pray for?

What are your prayer requests regarding any situations in your life this week?

Prayer requests from others in the group this week