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Next Time:

We will visit five passages which tell us to “love one another.” We’ll try to figure out what that should look like.

Bring a friend, make a friend!

Biblical One Anothering – 01

The New Testament is full of commands and descriptions of “one-another,” showing how Christians live and work in community. When this community is understood rightly, nurtured, and used according to God’s Word, we will always find Christians as a redemptive, healing community, not only bringing life and hope to those who trust Jesus and are directly involved in the Church, but to those outside as well. On the other hand, when the biblical teaching of community is misunderstood and used badly, it brings great harm, not only to Christians but to the reputation they bear in the world.

By studying and learning how these important biblical passages apply, we can expect to see personal and community growth, engagement in Christ’s kingdom, increased confidence as we fulfill our roles and responsibilities, and, above all, an atmosphere which welcomes people to receive the mercy and grace of God through Jesus.

We prepare to study the Scripture by finding the context of a passage. Reading a little before and after the specific quotation helps us see what it’s actually about. We also want to see what kind of questions we can ask of the passage, with an eye to being changed by God’s Word, not to shaping the Scripture into our image.

Above all, as we study, we also pray that the Lord would use us as His people according to His desires, changing us through the Word of God.

Now, we dig into some Bible passages.

Mark 9:50 - Be at peace with one another

Context: Read Mark 9:33-50.

Where is Capernaum? What is significant about it?

What can we observe about the arguments in v. 34, v. 38, and v. 42?

Early in verse 50 Jesus tells his disciples to have “salt.” What does this mean?

Reflect on the idea of “salt” in the context of verses 43-50.

What, in the Bible, is the essence of peace?

forgiveness

reconciliation with God

John 13:14 - Wash one another’s feet.

Context; Read John 13:1-20

What is significant about the meal Jesus and the disciples are about to engage in?

In verse 8, Peter refuses washing but Jesus insists. What is at the heart of the conflict?

In the Bible, what is washing a sign of?

What is the significance of being washed by the Lord?

We are not greater than the God who humbled himself to serve us. We serve one another.

We speak of theology in two directions, the vertical and the horizontal.

vertical

horizontal

The washing of forgiveness happens on both the vertical and horizontal axes.