

ONE ANOTHERING

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ENCOURAGE

SERIES BIG IDEA:

We love one another by being _____ one _____.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Romans 12:9 (NIV)

Sincere love is _____.

Being for one another means having the _____ to put someone else's needs above your own.

Encouraging one another is _____ courage within them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

Romans 12:15 (NIV)

Encourage one another by being _____ in good times and bad.

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11 (NIV)

Encouraging one another means promoting _____, not _____.

¹¹*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

¹⁴*And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ¹⁵Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.*

¹⁶*Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray continually, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:11,14-18 (NIV)

Encouraging one another is a way to _____ others up without tearing anyone down.

³²*"A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. ³³"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

John 16:32-33 (NIV)

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TEACHING BIG IDEA:

We _____ others up, destroy _____, and _____ Jesus' love when we encourage one another.

Who can you begin to encourage today?



TEACHING SUMMARY:

Author Gary Chapman says, "Encouragement requires empathy and seeing the world from another's perspective. We must first learn what is important to one another. Only then can we give encouragement. Encouragement is letting another borrow our courage, showing that we believe in one another, and saying that we are willing to sit with them and just be."

When we take time to encourage others we will show them that we are for them and that just like we have had to dig down and find courage before, that they can as well. It will show them that because of the encouragement that we have received from Christ we are able to face this world.

So who is that you need to be an encourager to? Who is it in your life right now that needs a taste of the encouragement that comes from Christ? What can you do about it?

TALK IT OVER:

Who has been the most encouraging people in your life? Why do you say that?

What are some times when you have felt discouraged? What has helped you move beyond that?

Which part of encouragement (building others up, destroying division, showing Jesus' love) is the most exciting to you?

What is one next step you can take to be an encourager in someone else's life?

How can we be praying for you?

FURTHER READING:

Day 1: 1 Chronicles 28:4-10 Day 2: Deuteronomy 31:6-8
Day 3: 1 Corinthians 12:21-26 Day 4: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17
Day 5: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Day 6: Hebrews 10:19-25