

ONE ANOTHERING

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HONOR WITH HONESTY

SERIES BIG IDEA:

We love one another by being _____ one _____.

Following Jesus is _____, but it's not _____.

We cannot _____ someone without being _____ with them.

Jesus' love for me obligates me to be honest with _____ about Jesus' love.

We honor unbelievers by being honest about the _____ of Jesus.

THE GOOD NEWS IS:

- 1. Jesus lived the perfect life we could never _____.**
- 2. Jesus died to pay for a sinful debt that we could never _____.**
- 3. Jesus came back to life to give us new and eternal _____ when we trust in Him as our Savior and follow Him as our Lord.**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

We honor believers by being honest about the good news of Jesus' _____ in us.

²⁵I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—²⁶the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

²⁹To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

Colossians 1:25-29 (NIV)

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

We honor believers by _____ one another because we are _____ one another becoming like Jesus.

ADMONISHING ONE ANOTHER IS NOT:

- _____ someone according to my standards. (Matthew 7:4-5)
- Berating another person and making myself more _____.
- A _____ thing at first. (Matthew 18:15-17)
- _____ and _____. (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8, 11-12)

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WE NEED TO ADMONISH ONE ANOTHER BECAUSE:

- It's the most loving thing for the _____. (1 Thessalonians 2:11-12)
- Helping others become like Jesus is the loving thing to do for _____. (Colossians 1:28-29)
- It's the loving thing to do for the _____. (Colossians 3:14-16)
- Jesus' love for us _____ it of us.



TEACHING SUMMARY:

Loving others is, at times, something enjoyable and, at other times, something incredibly messy. It is something that is life giving and, at the same time, worry inducing. What do I mean by this? Sometimes love is sitting with someone, cheering them on, and celebrating with them. At other times love is correcting a brother or sister in Christ.

Both parts are called for in scripture and both parts are equally important. We are called to share the Good News of Christ with those who don't know Jesus and we are called to hold other believers to a standard that is set for us in Scripture.

What makes the second so difficult is that, if we are honest, we are asking others to live up to a standard that we are also called to and fall short of, and it opens the door for them to provide the same to us. Just remember that when we are coming from a place of love and a desire to grow and see others grow to become more like Jesus, God will honor our boldness and the temporary discomfort will always be worth the eternal gain.

TALK IT OVER:

Talk about a time when you have been corrected and it wasn't done well. Talk about a time when the person who brought correction did it in a redemptive way. What was the difference?

What are some things that help correcting others not be so difficult? How would you go about correcting someone else in a loving way?

We correct to help others become more like Jesus. Does that idea help you step into those sticky spots with other believers? Why or why not?

What is one next step you can take based on today's teaching?

How can we be praying for you?

FURTHER READING:

Day 1: Galatians 2:11-13

Day 3: 2 Timothy 2:14-17

Day 5: Romans 15:14

Day 2: Colossians 4:2-6

Day 4: 2 Timothy 2:23-26

Day 6: Hebrews 3:13