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HARMONY WITH ONE ANOTHER

SERIES BIG IDEA:

We love one another by being _____ one _____.

Conflict is _____ but manageable.

Interpersonal conflicts create _____ among us.

Most of our conflicts are connected to us not getting what we _____ or others not _____ with us.

²⁰My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—²³I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

John 17:20-23 (NIV)

Jesus died to _____ us in Him.

Live in harmony with one another.

Romans 12:16 (NIV)

When we don't see eye to eye, we can be of the _____.

Like-mindedness is a two-way street.

Steven E. Runge, High Definition Commentary: Romans

HARMONY DEFINED:

3a: an interweaving of different accounts into a single _____

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/harmony>

We may view things _____, but we are a part of the same _____ of what Jesus is doing.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

We will let our _____ blend us together as we live _____ in Jesus.

Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Romans 12:16 (NIV)

Repent of my _____.

- **I will lay aside my personal _____ to pursue peace with _____.**
- **I will learn from your _____ without standing in opposition to _____.**

¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone... ¹⁹Do not take revenge.

Romans 12:17,19 (NIV)

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Relinquish _____.

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:18 (NIV)

Own my _____ and pursue _____ until peace is, without a doubt, impossible.

Put the same effort into making peace with _____ that Jesus showed in making peace with _____.

MY NOTES



TEACHING SUMMARY:

People are different and with those differences come different views. Our theological, philosophical, and political views can divide us as Christians. Jesus didn't die to have a church divided. He died so that we will remain united.

When the Apostle Paul describes how we should live, he used a word that is interpreted in English as "harmony." In the original language this was being "like-minded" even though we don't see "eye-to-eye."

Our differences shouldn't divide us, but we should let them blend us together as we are united in Jesus.

To live in harmony requires all people involved to play a supportive role to others that pursues peace until it's impossible.

But to pursue peace, each of us we must own our part.

TALK IT OVER:

How have you seen a personal conflict divide a group of people, whether it be a church, LifeGroup, office department, or family?

When you read John 17:23, what do you think Jesus feels when the church isn't unified?

How have you seen someone lay down a personal view to pursue peace with someone else?

Seeking revenge is hard, especially when you've been wronged. Why is relinquishing revenge so important to pursuing peace?

Why is it hard to be the first person to own our part of a conflict?

Is there a next step you need to take today?

How can others in your group pray for you?

FURTHER READING:

Day 1: Ephesians 4:1-6

Day 2: 1 Peter 3:8,9

Day 3: Romans 15:5,6

Day 4: 2 Corinthians 13:11

Day 5: Colossians 3:12-14

Day 6: Philippians 2:1-5