

1 Thessalonians

Week 5

Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12, John 13:34, Romans 12:10, 1 Peter 3:15, Matthew 7:3-4, Genesis 2:15

Topic: Love creates a winning team

Big Ideas of the Text: We are called to deeply love one another sacrificially just as Jesus did for us. Our love for each other is supposed to be so transforming that people will know we are disciples of Jesus Christ because of the love we show others.

Application Point: Love is an action. As we engage with people in our lives, we are to love extravagantly and sacrificially. God tells us to worry about us and he will take care of everyone else. We are called to love, not engage in conflict or hostility towards others and work hard, because these qualities are necessary to our witness. Love toward one another builds a winning team for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Read John 13:34 & Romans 12:10. Why is it important to continue to talk about ways in which we can love each other better?
3. Read 1 Thes 4:9-12 Why does Paul say that you are loving one another so well that I don't even need to talk about it, and then in the ext stroke of the pen he challenges them to do it all the more? What are some examples of a life that loves?
4. Read 1 Peter 3:15 How would you define living a quiet life? Why is that important to our witness?
5. Why does Paul associate work and witnessing? How can you combine the two in your life?
6. What are some practical ways that we can apply this section of scripture at work, at home, in school, or enjoying our hobbies?
7. How can we pray for you?