

Saved To Serve
Week 4 ~ Care for the Needs of One Another

Overview

This Week

1st Qtr = Why ought we to Love/Care for One Another

2nd Qtr = How do we Love/Care for One Another

Halftime

Next Week

3rd Qtr = Impediments to Loving/Caring for One Another

4th Qtr = Practical Examples and The Challenge...

1st Qtr

Why ought we to Love/Care for One Another...?

1. Because Paul said so...

- a. Romans 13:8-9, Galatians 5:13-14
- b. Love/Serve One Another as you would *Love your Neighbor as Yourself*

2. Because Jesus said so...

- a. John 13:34-35, John 15:12
- b. Love One Another as *Christ loves You*.

3. Because Joy Awaits You (Ps 37:4)

- a. Obedience brings Joy

4. Because People are Watching (aka-So we might bring Glory to God)

- a. As a Light on a Hill (Matt 5:14-16)
- b. As One (John 17:21-23)
- c. As a Temple (2 Corinthians 6:16-18, 1 Corinthians 1:16-17)

5. Because we Care About Each Other...

Discussion Questions

1. Paul and Christ frame Loving and Serving One Another differently. Is there a difference between *Loving your Neighbor as Yourself* and *Loving as Christ Loves You*? Why or why not? Why do you suppose they speak differently about this topic?

2. How have you found joy in serving/loving the Church (or individuals in the Church)? Have you ever regretted serving/loving the Church?

3. How have you seen God work in the life of an unbeliever through the loving/serving of One Another in the Church?

2nd Qtr

How do we Love/Care for One Another...?

- 1. The Holy Spirit helps us**

- a. Pre-Christ vs. Post-Christ (Isaiah 32:14-18)

- 2. Humility paves the way for us to Serve**

- a. We have been crucified with Christ...(Gal. 2:20)
- b. We have been bought with a Price...(1 Cor 16:20)

- 3. We find Joy in Trials**

- a. James 1:2-Count it all joy my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds.

- 4. God owns EVERYTHING (time, treasure, talents)**

Discussion Questions

1. How have you sought the Holy Spirit's leading to help you Love/Care for One Another? What happened when you sought him?
2. How do you see humility being an important ingredient in Loving/Caring for One Another? Can it be done without humility? Assuming you say yes, how do you think the results of your efforts differ if you serve with pride as opposed to serving in humility?
3. If we should have "all joy" in trials, should we be the same(having joy) in basic service to one another? Why/why not?
4. How does the fact that God owns EVERYTHING affect your attitude towards Loving/Caring for One Another? How have you seen people blessed and God glorified when you or someone else has been willing to lay it all on the line? How have you seen it been detrimental to Loving/Caring for One Another when people are not generous?