

Fellowship Group Homework and Discussion

Getting Started

1. Have you ever had somebody say they love you but they seemed to be more interested in benefiting themselves rather than you? Describe that time. How did it make you feel?

2. What one point sticks out in your mind from last week's sermon?

Going Deeper

3. Pastor Chris described four things that can block our love toward others. For each one, describe why that one is a challenge for you. Use examples if possible.
 - Selfishness (Read James 4:1-3)

 - Pride

 - Some people are difficult to love

 - I want to love the world (read 1 John 2:16)

4. Which of these four poses the greatest challenge for you. Why?

5. Read Hebrews 13:2, Genesis 18:1-8, Genesis 19:1-22, Judges 6:11-21, Judges 13:3-20 and Matthew 25:31-46. List as many principles or conclusions about hospitality as you can.

6. In what ways do you do a good job with hospitality? In what ways do you struggle?

7. Pastor Chris gave three reasons why we should show sympathy to those who are hurting. What is your reaction to each of these three?
 - If one suffer than all suffer (read 1 Corinthians 12:26)

 - It could be you

 - Reflect the mercy you received from God (read Matthew 10:8)

8. Is there a person (maybe in your oikos!) who is hurting right now? How can you seek to reach out in sympathy to that person?

9. A key purpose of our Fellowship Groups is to provide accountability. To help with that, discuss the following questions:
- Have you been making it a regular priority to attend a Sunday morning worship service?
 - Have you been faithful in making Fellowship Group attendance a top priority?
 - Are you praying regularly for the members of your Fellowship Group?
 - Are you caring for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those in your Fellowship Group?
 - Are you taking steps to become more transparent with your Fellowship Group?
 - Are you serving regularly in one area of ministry, preferably in your area of giftedness?
 - Are you maintaining your Oikos list?
 - Are you praying regularly for your Oikos list?
 - What have you done this last week to reveal God to at least one member of your Oikos?



A Life of Faith
Part 12: Brotherly Love
Hebrews 13:1-3
Pastor Chris Inman
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I. Love Fellow Christians (13:1)

A. A Monument of Your Life

B. Love Even Though...

1. My Natural Bent is Towards Myself

2. Pride Stands in My Way

3. Loving Different People is Challenging

4. I Would Rather Love the World

II. Love Strangers Through Hospitality (13:2)

A. Models of Hospitality

B. The Value of Hospitality

III. Love the Hurting Through Sympathy (13:3)

A. Sympathy

1. If one suffers, then all suffer

2. It could be you

3. Reflect the mercy you received from God

B. Sustained and Risky