**Coming Home: One Another Passages #4**

How will we create home? By implementing the One Another Scriptures in our lives and in our church.

So Far:

I. Love one another

John 13:34-35 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. Impersonal love

1 Peter 1:22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth, so that you have sincere love (phileo) for one another, love (agape) one another deeply from the heart. More personal love.

II. Submit to one another

Ephesians 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Putting the needs, desires, goals and even sometimes the opinions of others before your own.

III. Serve one another in love. Gal 5:13

IV. Carry each other’s burdens. Gal 6:2

V. Bear with one another Eph 4:2 Loving the differences. Bearing with those who are still struggling with a sin that we ourselves do not particularly struggle with.

VI. Accept one another Romans 15:7

Accepting one another on debatable matters in the church

VII. Forgive one another Col 3:13

Colossians 3:13 In matters that are not clear right/wrong, we accept. In matters of right/wrong, we still forgive one another. How? As the Lord forgave you!

VIII. Be devoted to one another in love and honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10

IX Encourage each other/Build each other up 1 Thess 5:11

Here we start one another passages that we would call “discipling.”

1 Thess 5:11 Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Encourage: *parakaleo* Call alongside. .

Build up: *oikodomeite* literally to house-build To give strength.

X & XI. Teach and admonish one another Col 3:16 (also Romans 15:14 competent to instruct one another noutheteo admonish, exhort lit: put to mind)

Encourage one another and build one another up is more between “equals.” Teach and admonish is more between a more mature and a less mature Christian.

Four activities associated with “discipling”:

Teach Explain

Encourage Call to action

Admonish Exhort. Teach before you admonish.

rebuke 2 Tim 3:16 the Word suitable for teaching, rebuking and correcting,

As you admonish and encourage, ask questions, not just tell people what to do.

That is a bad idea. Do you think that is a good idea?

You should not take that job. Do you think that that will help you grow spiritually?

XII. Confess your sins to one another. James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed.

Confession of sins is an activity virtually limited to Christianity. Other religions do not emphasize confessing.

Our natural human tendency is to do the opposite. Why?

1. For self-preservation. We do not admit our weaknesses.

2. (related) Embarrassment factor: Protecting our self-image (both our image of ourselves and the image others have of ourselves)

The point: It is not natural!

Why should we confess our sins? It depends on who we confess our sins to.

1 John 1:8-10 Confess to whom? To God… Really to ourselves. I confess to God that I am a sinner. But I also confess my sins to him. Does not need to be as specific.

Purpose: So that we can be forgiven. If we deny our sinful nature, we deny our need for Jesus and we can lose our salvation.

James 5:13-16 Confess to whom? To one another.

Why? (definitely not for forgiveness from God!!!!) “So that you might be healed.” So that you can be spiritually healed and spiritually strong. So that you can resist sin. So that you can avoid the rabbit hole of guilt, worldly sorrow and death. So you can get back up on your spiritual feet.

Q: When was the last time you confessed a sin? How often do you confess sins? I suspect this is a dramatic weakness here!

Two questions:

1. What should I confess?

2. Who should I confess to?

1. If you think you should confess it, you probably should. If you find your thoughts going back to that sin, you should.

Things you definitely should confess because they are corrosive: Lying, drunkenness, sexual sins. Willful sins in general. Sins you decide to commit.

2. To whom? Advice: Make a habit of confessing sin to your discipling partner. Leaders: confess to your group! (we call this being “open.”) Anyone. Make it a habit to be open with anyone you are close to.

Home is a place where we confess our sins to one another.

XIII. Pray for one another. James 5:16.

Why? 5:16-18 Because it works.

Q: Do you believe that it works? Do you act like you believe it works?

Coll 3:12-14 Over all of these O & A actions put on love. Let me add: Over all of these O & A actions, put on prayer for one another.

Suggestion: Create a prayer list and use it.

Home is a place where you feel loved.

Home is a place where you feel you belong.

Home is a place where you feel safe.

Home is a place where you are prayed for.

One-on-one discipling.

Discipling: The process of putting the one another passages into practice so that we can present each other mature in Christ.

Colossians 1:28-29

Our practice as a family of churches: One-on-one (and discipling groups as an added boost). WAAAYYYYY back in the day we were known as the discipling movement.

Note: This is not a biblical command!

This is a practice. It is a practical way to put the O & A passages into force: Especially the last few.

Everyone:

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V. Bear with one another

VI. Accept one another

VII. Forgive one another Col 3:13

VIII. Be devoted to one another and honor one another

Discipling O & A passages (best done in our one-on-one discipling)

IX Encourage each other

X Build each other up

XI Teach one another

XII Admonish one another

XIII Confess your sins to one another

XIV Pray for one another

Some may be more “vertical.” Ex: a baby Christian.

Some may be more “horizontal.” No clear “discipler.”

Discipling times should be regular (1/wk is ideal, but no less than 1/2wk)

Discipling times should be focused. You should accomplish something.

Pray for each other. Think about your needs and her needs so that they can be discussed.

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Home is a place where you are loved—where the truth is spoken in love.

Home is a place where you are safe because members of the household are submitted to one another.

Home is a place where you are accepted, including your flaws, and even when others do not agree with you.

Home is a place where you are renewed because you experience encouragement, admonishment and forgiveness.

Let us make the BCOC a real home for everyone.

For the saved.

For the ones on the fringe.

For the ones who have strayed.

For the lost.

By this all people will know you are my disciples: By your love for one another.