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RELATIONSHIPS

week 2

love one another

1. Relationships and Mission go together.

Trinity is a deliberate community on a deliberate mission. (PJ Smyth)

New Testament pattern: The Gospel goes forth and the result is community.

Early Church: Acts 2:41-47

41So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. 42And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Follow the N.T. Church in Acts 8 (Philip in Samaria), Acts 11-13 (Gentiles)
Very Different People end up together! One new man!

2. Love One Another!

John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

John 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

(1 John 3:11, 23; 1 John 4:7, 11,12; 2 John 1:5)

Love is our Goal

1 Tim. 1:1-5

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, 2 To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3 As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, 4 nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith. 5 The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

1 If I speak in the tongues[a] of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames,[b] but have not love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

What is love?

1 John 4:8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. Love is Jesus! We receive love when we receive Jesus.

The Pattern is God loving us by His grace. (Eph. 2:4) It changes everything!

What it looks like:

A different kind of community.

3. What love is not:

Not Rude

Not self-seeking

Not easily Angered:

2 Cor. 12:20 For I am afraid that when I come I may not find you as I want you to be, and you may not find me as you want me to be. I fear that there may be quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, slander, gossip,

arrogance and disorder.

Ephesians 4:31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

Colossians 3:8 But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

1 Timothy 2:8 I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

RESPONSE

Get to know Jesus.

Get rid of your anger

Get more grace

Take Action