



"Side By Side Review"
Conclusion – Pages 161-163
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Prayer:

Spend a few minutes thanking the Lord for His Word and for the opportunity to study the book “Side By Side” together as a group. Thank Him for the ways He has challenged you, and maybe even made you uncomfortable, through it over the last several months. Ask that He would help you to see just how needy you are, but also just how needed you are in the body of Christ. Pray that the time spent in this study this year would bear much fruit and have a long-lasting impact in your own heart and mind as well as in the hearts and minds of many others in the body at Living Grace.

Key Scriptures:

John 13:34 – (English Standard Version)

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

Romans 12:3–6 –

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them...

1 Corinthians 1:26–29 –

26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

1 Corinthians 12:4–7 –

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:12, 14 –

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ... 14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

2 Corinthians 1:3–4 –

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Summary:

1. Take a few moments to summarize some of the main concepts and ideas that we discussed throughout our study of the “Side By Side” book.

Application:

1. What are two or three truths that have stood out to you from the “Side By Side” study and/or your home group interactions? What kind of difference have these truths made in your life?
2. What have been some specific challenges from our study this year that the Holy Spirit has used to convict you of areas of sinfulness in your life? Describe how the Lord is using that conviction to bring about change in the way you are doing things.
3. What aspect of “Side by Side” would you say has been the most impactful for you personally (i.e. the content, the discussions, the challenges, the Biblical references, etc.)?
4. Which Scripture verse, or passage, referenced in the study has stuck out to you the most? What is it about that passage that makes it stick out in your mind?
5. In what ways has our current study led you to think differently about who Jesus Christ is and what your relationship with Him is like? How has it challenged you to think differently about your relationship with others in the body of Christ?
6. What sort of impact might there be on the church body if we all committed to applying the biblical concepts and ideas Ed Welch wrote about in this book? What are some of the ways you have already seen this study have an impact on the body at LG (be specific)?
7. How do we, as brothers and sisters in Christ, continue to walk with each other in wisdom and love in the days ahead? What things might we have to do, or think about, differently in order to do that well?