Introduction:
A. M. Scott Peck began his book, The Road Less Traveled with three words, “_____ is ______________.”
B. God’s intention for the church is that we become a ______________ where we bear one another’s _____________.

I. The Command
A. The “burdens” we are to help others carry include any sort of ______________ that people face.
B. The word translated “bear” or “carry” meant “to _______ or __________ something.”
C. The verb “carry” is in the ____________, which means it is a ____________.
   1. It is not something to be done ________, but ________.
D. The seeming contradiction of verses 2 and 5 is resolved by the fact that the verses are using two ____________ words for “bear.”
E. The command comes with a __________ result—the fulfillment of the law of Christ, which is the law of ________. (Jn. 13:34)

II. The Application
A. ___________ have burdens to bear.
B. Two important things are required to bear the burdens of others:
   1. We have to _______ that a brother or sister _____ a burden.
   2. The person with the burden has to be _______ to allow us ________ them.
C. God often uses ________ as His ___________ to help us carry our burdens.
D. How to bear one another’s burdens:
   1. Never pass up an opportunity to ________ for someone.
   2. Offer a listening _______ and a shoulder to ________ on.
   3. Communicate __________ and ____________ words.
   4. Look for simple, obvious, and __________ ways to _____.
   5. Just ________, and offer your ________.