

A Traveler's Guide: Pastoring (caring for) One-Another

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1 Pet 2:5,9-10

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How do we use God's Word in Community?

I. We Pastor one-another in Everyday Life 1 Pt 2:5,9-10

- Pattern of Scripture:
 - God guided His Old Covenant people by instructing: Dt 6:4-7
 - This is how Jesus disciplined while on Earth
 - Paul ministered in everyday community life: Act 20:17-21; 1 Th 2:7-8
- We are called to a lifestyle of discipleship and community in everyday life regardless of what our culture or world tells us.

II. Christ's Body/Church is God's plan

- Church is not a building or programs or events.
- Church is the people of God (His Body) saved through the person and work of Jesus Christ for His purposes in the world.
- We must not think of church as an event or program – rather a Body
- Christ lived & died to redeem us so WE could become His people who are living for Him and sent out into the world on His behalf!
- Church body is made up of believers who have the Spirit
- God gifts His Church with leaders to equip the saints to do the work of ministry Eph 4:11-12
- As the church we are to be admonishing, teaching and encouraging one another: 1 Th 5:14; Col 3:16-17; Rm 15:14; 2 Ti 2:1-2; Gal 6:1-2

III. Why don't we live with Gospel intentionality?

- Fear of Man - Prov 29:25; But this forgets our Gospel Identity!
- NT one-anothers... are our commands based upon our New Identity
- If we practiced Gospel Conversations in everyday life we wouldn't fear
- We are to "Gospel" one-another: Heb 3:12-13
- Doesn't happen spontaneously, we too often listen to the world
- We are called to listen to our Gracious God: 1 Peter 2:11-12

IV. We should pastor one-another in our community

- Believers are filled with Spirit able to instruct one-another Rm 5:14
- Leaders are given by God to equip saints for work of ministry Eph 4:11-13
- Remember your Gospel Identity & don't fear: 1 John 4:4-6
- We are Accepted in the Beloved: Eph 1:6
- Let us heed the words of Jer 17:5-8

To Think About:



- ▶ Examine your weekly life... when do you get with other believers and share life so that you can encourage, exhort, or challenge one another? Why or why not?
- ▶ When you do get together do you use "gospel" vocabulary and "gospel" one-another or simply speak like the world around us?
- ▶ Why is it hard for you to speak to others with the truth of the Gospel?
- ▶ How can true Gospel community in the church help us reach out more effectively with the wonderful news of the Gospel?
- ▶ What specific steps will you take to improve your ability to "pastor one-another" and be in community?