



Sermon Prep Guide

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Reading God's Word

1 Corinthians 13:6; Ephesians 4:25-27; Colossians 3:16-17

Discussing God's Word

1. According to Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:6, love does not rejoice in what? Instead, it rejoices with what?
2. What are Paul's instructions to the Ephesian church in 4:25?
3. What does he exhort believers to do and not to do in verses 26-27?
4. In another one of Paul's epistles, Colossians, what is characteristic of a Christ follower (v. 16)?
5. What is the motivation, in word or deed, for those to whom Paul is writing (v. 17)?

Applying God's Word

1. Love rejoices in what is right – not in wrongdoing but with the truth. How is a different love portrayed in our culture? Talk about some examples of what our society deems "love" but is instead sin.
2. How does our Ephesians passage tie into love? Is there a person that you need to reconcile with so that you do not give an opportunity to the devil? God's Word instructs us to speak and rejoice in the truth and to not let anger or resentment carry over into another day.
3. Paul speaks of teaching and admonishing one another and singing psalms in Colossians 3. How does hearing each other sing to God help one another?
4. Building on our study of love, and loving others in both word and deed, how does Colossians 3:17 tangibly play out in your everyday life – impacting your family, your neighborhood, and your workplace? Paul specifically charges: "whatever you do."

Praying The Word

- » Father, we are so grateful to You that love does not rejoice in wrongdoing but instead with the truth.
- » We pray that You would help us to guard our mouths from falsehood and to speak the truth with one another.
- » Holy Spirit, keep us from sinning in our anger. May we seek to reconcile with one another quickly in order to not give an opportunity to the devil.
- » Christ Jesus, may Your Word dwell in us richly and may thankfulness to God overflow in whatever we do, both in word or deed, to the glory of Your Name.