

Walking in Bearing with One Another
Worthy Walk Series
Discussion Questions

Where do you see a tendency in our culture to avoid, cancel, or withdraw? Why are we quick to walk away from relationships when they become difficult?

Think about your own habits—are you more likely to lean into difficult people or create distance? What usually drives that response?

Read Ephesians 2:1-2a:

- What's the difference between "bearing with people" and "putting up with people"?
- How does the virtue of love that Paul instructs Christians to pursue more costly than the virtue of love our culture subscribes too?

Read 1 John 4:7-11:

- What stands out to you about the statement "God is love"? How is that different from just saying "God is loving"?
- Do you think the love that John is describing is natural for us to live out? What does John say we can know about a person based on whether they love? Why is that?
- John tells us that God revealed his love by the sending of his Son, not when we loved him, but when we didn't. What does this text teach us about the nature of God's love?
- Verse 11 says, "if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." Why do you think that connection is so important?

If you really believed—deep down—that you are fully loved by God, how would it change the way you treat the most difficult person in your life?

When relationships get hard, what is your default move: withdraw, fight, fix, ignore, or something else?