

October 2nd, 2022

Boundaries

Galatians 6:2;5 NIV

Matthew 18:17-18 NIV

1 Corinthians 5:11-13 NIV

1. Was there any one thing that you most agreed with or disagreed with from last weekend's message? What was it and why?

2. Share your thoughts and experiences when it comes to the word "Boundaries" regarding your public and private life. What seems to be your first thought when it comes to this word?

3. *Galatians 6:2;5*: From Pastor Terry's sermon, "Burden in Greek means, 'excess burdens' or burdens that are so heavy that they weigh us down. In contrast, the Greek word for load means, 'cargo', or 'the burden of daily toil'. This word describes the everyday things we all need to do." In the examples below, define if it is a "burden" or "labor" and then discuss how and what boundaries need to be set in place for each situation.
 - a. Close relative, sibling, or child asks for help with a medical bill after losing their job because of a continued health issue.

 - b. Spouse/significant other rarely or if ever helps with bills, chores, running errands, or shows up for scheduled time with family even after multiple discussions.

 - c. A disengaged or emotionally absent friend, spouse, or relative.

Digging Deeper:

4. In reading Matthew 18:17-18 and 1 Corinthians 5:11-13, how can we view these passages of scripture as loving and as good boundaries? How are we able to separate our views from that of the world and that of the love of Jesus when it comes to setting these boundaries?

5. Setting and communicating boundaries are crucial for healthy and long-lasting relationships. How as a group can we help each other in having better boundaries in all areas of your life? Why do we find boundaries so difficult to enforce? Is there anything you are going through right now that your home group could be praying for and helping with, if they only knew about it?