



Beautiful  
Community



And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 4v30-5v2 (ESV)

Is it possible to hold deep convictions while simultaneously embracing those in your community who reject your deep convictions?

Is it possible to hold deep convictions while simultaneously embracing those in your community who reject your deep convictions?

*Yes, because it's how Jesus treated you.*

Is it possible to hold deep convictions while simultaneously embracing those in your community who reject your deep convictions?

*Yes, because it's how Jesus treated you.*

We are to reflect to other people how Jesus has acted toward us in forgiving us by dying for our sin, we are to show kindness to others the way Jesus has shown kindness to us and pursued us when we were in conflict with him.

“Dare we have the audacity to look to God and ask for our rights when it comes to those who have sinned against us, but ask for mercy when it comes to our own trespasses? We cannot play it both ways.”

- James Smith

We handle conflict in one of these ways:

Peace-breaker

Peace-faker

Peace-maker



How do we disagree well in community?

Stay

How do we disagree well in community?

Stay

Listen

How do we disagree well in community?

Stay

Listen

Love



Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4v8 (ESV)

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Cor 13v4-7 (ESV)



*practicing the way of Jesus together.*

Men and women gathered around the presence of Jesus for the purpose of being *transformed* so we can discern and *live out God's will*.