

Messy Faith – Developing a Culture of Love

Overflowing with Joy, Peace, and Hope

March 12th, 2023

John 17:11 (NASB95)

John 17:20-21 (NASB95)

John 17:22-23 (NASB95)

1) _____ in the church is possible in Christ.

Romans 14:21 (NASB95)

21 It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or [to do anything] by which your brother stumbles.

Romans 15:1-13 (NASB95)

2) A _____ disciple seeks “good” for his neighbor. (V2)

Romans 15:1-6 (NASB95)

How can we know what is “good” for our neighbor?

- a. The example in Christ (V3)
- b. Scripture (V4)

3) People in the church need to know that they are _____ . (V7)

Romans 15:7-12 (NASB95)

4) Let Hope _____ here first and then to a lost world. (V13)

Romans 15:13 (NIV)

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Instruction:

- 1) Live at peace with all people free from judging, condemnation, or being a stumbling block. (Rom 14:13,19, 15:13)
- 2) Seek “good” for the community. (Rom 15:2)
- 3) Accept others. (Rom 15:7)
- 4) Let Joy, Peace, and Hope spill out of your life. (Rom 15:13)

Life Group Questions:

- 1) Paul urges the strong to bear with the weak. What does this mean in practice, and how can we apply this principle in our relationships? (Rom 15:1)
- 2) How did Christ choose not to please himself? What are the implications for followers of Christ? (Rom 15:2,3)
- 3) What are some things that God might be asking you to surrender for the good of a brother or sister? When should we confront people for their good? (Rom 15:2)
- 4) Paul prays that his readers would abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. How does the Holy Spirit work to strengthen our faith and our hope in Christ? (Rom 15:13)

* Expanded Sermon and Study notes available online and in the foyer.