



40 Days of Community: Love One Another
Today's Sermon: *Confess to & Pray for One Another*
(James 5:13-18)

Sermon Series Introduction:

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.
John 13:34-35

Our 40 Days of Community campaign is a practical, bible-based campaign designed to encourage you to grow in joy-filled unity as you belong to a community of believers. Over the next 40 Days plan to participate in every Sunday worship service and to attend a weekly Life Group (you can find a list of the groups here). Each week of the campaign you will be challenged to practice specific “one another’s” of the New Testament. Each challenge will include practical teaching from God’s word and an assignment with suggestions to live out the “one another” instructions of the bible. Every week your Life Group Leader will end your Life Group experience with a question from the sermon to consider and an opportunity to share your experience as you completed your assignment.

We were made by God to live and grow in community. We need one another. We grow best as followers of Jesus when we are in a church family and when we belong to a small group of like-minded believers. We are better together. Growing, reaching, serving, worshiping, and belonging are not SOLO ways of living. They all require others!

Get ready to grow as you obey God’s word and experience Christ-centered community in your Life Group, learning and practicing the “One Another’s” of the New Testament!

During 40 Days of community, share stories of what the Lord is doing and what you are learning by texting “Story” to 228-265-5020.

Week 1: Encourage and Build One Another UP

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

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Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

James 5:16 ESV

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18 Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

James 5:13-18

When you are suffering, pray.

When you are sick, ask for prayer.

When you are asked to pray, stop and do it!

Sins will be forgiven.

Therefore, Confess your sins to One Another.

Pray for One Another.

Pray for the forgiveness of sin.

Pray for the healing of the body.

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.



Story: Text "story" to 228-265-5020. Share your "One Another Stories!"

Discussion: Share a significant time in your life when you prayed for someone or someone prayer for you, and how the Lord responded. Have you ever confessed sin to another person? What could happen if you did?

Assignment: Daily pray with others; family, friends, life group members, and providential encounters. Ask the Lord to give you divine encounters as you confess to and pray for one another.

Challenge: Continue to Encourage and Build others up this week while seeking out those you might confess to and pray with.