

Sunnyside Foursquare

Series: LIFE TOGETHER

Title: Stay Connected

Speaker: Pastor DJ Vick / Date: 8.16.26

Scripture to Read- Acts 2:42

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

Scriptures from Sermon: Acts 2:42-47 & John 13:34-35

Questions:

1. **Quick review**: What were the 4 things the early church was ***strongly committed*** to (devoted)?
 - Take a moment to describe them in your own words. Please try to use simple everyday language.
2. As a believer in Jesus Christ why do you think it is so important to have strong relationships with other believers in Jesus?
 - *In our culture*, what are some of the obstacles (or excuses) we face that can inhibit this kind of communal life we see here in early church (Acts)?

“If we are not devoted to the right things we can easily settle for a faith and a faith community far short of what Jesus envisioned.” – DJ in sermon
3. What empowers us, or is the *Ultimate Source*, to inspire this kind of commitment to other brothers & sisters in Christ? (Hint- 1 John 4:19)
4. Pastor DJ made reference to the “One-Another” commands in the New Testament. Do you remember the # of times they are mentioned (see notes below)?
 - Do you remember the 3 primary categories (see notes below)?
5. Do you know where the one-another originated from? Okay, with Jesus, good guess! But do you remember which Gospel quotes this and where?
 - Answer- John 13:34-35

“A new command I give you: **Love one another**. As I have loved you, so you must **love one another**.³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, **if you love one another**.”

6. If you have a struggle with loving & connecting with others believers, how do you think first learning to receive God’s love (experientially) might be able to help you with this?
 - How is God inviting you to be connecting to other brothers and sisters in Christ?
 - What is a commitment to change that you need to make?

Notes Below ...

OverviewBible.com (quotes from this website & Bible obviously)

“One another” is two words in English, but it’s only one word in Greek: ἀλλήλων (*ah-LAY-loan*). It’s used **100 times** in 94 New Testament verses. **47 of those verses** give instructions to the church, and 60% of those instructions come from Paul.

- **1. Unity.** One third of the one-another commands deal with the unity of the church.
 - “Be of the same mind with one another” ([Ro 12:16](#), [15:5](#))
- **2. Love.** One third of them instruct Christians to love one another.
 - “Love one another” ([Jn 13:34](#), [15:12](#), [17](#); [Ro 13:8](#); [1 Th 3:12](#), [4:9](#); [1 Pe 1:22](#); [1 Jn 3:11](#), [4:7](#), [11](#); [2 Jn 5](#))
- **3. Humility.** About 15% stress an attitude of humility and deference among believers.
 - “Regard one another as more important than yourselves” ([Php 2:3](#))

Here’s the rest:

- Do not judge one another, and don’t put a stumbling block in a brother’s way ([Ro 14:13](#))
- Greet one another with a kiss ([Ro 16:16](#); [1 Co 16:20](#); [2 Co 13:12](#))
- Husbands and wives: don’t deprive one another of physical intimacy ([1 Co 7:5](#))
- Bear one another’s burdens ([Ga 6:2](#))
- Speak truth to one another ([Ep 4:25](#))
- Don’t lie to one another ([Co 3:9](#))
- Comfort one another concerning the resurrection ([1 Th 4:18](#))
- Encourage and build up one another ([1 Th 5:11](#))
- Stimulate one another to love and good deeds ([He 10:24](#))
- Pray for one another ([Jas 5:16](#))
- Be hospitable to one another ([1 Pe 4:9](#))