

Home Group Reading for November 19-26

Hebrews 10:24-25

23 Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. 24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Galatians 5:6

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

“One Another”

Submit to one another (Eph. 5:21)

Forgive one another (Eph. 4:32)

Encourage one another (Heb. 10:25)

Motivate one another (Heb. 10:24)

Restore one another (Gal. 6:1)

Care for one another (Gal. 6:2)

Accept one another (Rom. 15:7)

Bear with one another (Eph. 4:2)

Carry one another's burdens (Col. 3:13)

Be hospitable to one another (1 Pet. 4:9)

“Love one another, just as I have loved you.” – Jesus (John 15:12)

Excerpts

“It can be really hard to be a self-centred, entitled punk when the people closest to you are so dang intentional about one anothering.”

“Surrounding ourselves with people in pursuit of becoming like Jesus changes us to become more like Jesus and the world needs more Jesus.”

“Church is first and foremost a community of Jesus-centred people loving one another as Jesus loved us, proclaiming to a world stuck in self-serve mode that there is a better way.”

Reflection Questions

1. How do we compel someone to be a part of a community that confesses to pushing against the self-centered, dog-eat-dog ethic of the world, but so often fails to accomplish that?
2. What other “one anothers” can you think of in the New Testament that aren’t included in this list?
3. How have you seen the “me first”/“dog-eat-dog” ethic at work in the world? How have you seen it in your own life?
4. How have you seen examples of “selfless, others-centred love” played out at Grassroots Church in your time here? How have you sought to demonstrate it in your own life?
5. Have you found that when you’re around others who practice selflessness, that you end up becoming more selfless? Do you have any examples of this cause and effect you can point to?