

A Loving Church
The Importance of Church – Part 3
Life Church St. Louis – February 19, 2017
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Proverbs 3:7-8 (NIV) Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

Luke 10:27 (NIV) He answered, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Acts 2:46 (NIV) Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

1. Live in _____ with one another

John 17:23 (NIV) I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

1A. Follow _____ together

Romans 15:5-6 (NIV) May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1B. _____ with one another

1 Corinthians 1:10 (NIV) I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

2. _____ one another

John 13:34-35 (NIV) “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

2A. Meet together in a _____ group

1 Corinthians 14:26 (NIV) What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up.

2B. _____ one another

Romans 15:14 (NIV) I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another.

2C. _____ for one another

James 5:16 (NIV) Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

3. _____ yourself to one another

1 John 3:16 (NIV) This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

3A. _____ one another

Hebrews 3:13 (NIV) But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.

3B. Become a church _____

Romans 12:10 (NIV) Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

- How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

A Loving Church Study Guide

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Intro. How can a relationship with God and His church bring increased health (Proverbs 3:7-8)?

Do you think the health benefits of attending church could be used to encourage people to come?

What are the two types of love we are commanded to have in the Great Commandment of Luke 10:27? Why are both essential?

What are the respective benefits of large church meetings and small group meetings (Acts 2:46)?

1A. What does the unity of believers in a church communicate to unbelievers (John 17:23)?

1B. What is the most important characteristic that unifies believers (Romans 15:5-6)?

1C. Why is it important that brothers and sisters in a church family agree with one another (1 Corinthians 1:10)?

1D. How is gossip a hindrance to unity in the local church (2 Corinthians 12:20)?

2A. What should be the defining mark of a church family (John 13:34-35)?

2B. Why is it important for every believer to be part of a small group (1 Corinthians 14:26)? What do people miss out on who only attend the Sunday worship service?

2C. How do small groups make it possible for everyone to instruct one another (Romans 15:14)?

2D. How can James 5:16 be applied in an ongoing way in a small group?

2E. How did Jesus minister differently to different size groups?

3A. What does it mean to lay your life down for your brothers and sisters (1 John 3:16)?

3B. How can believers “encourage one another daily” (Hebrews 3:13)?

3C. In what ways is church membership an expression of devotion and honor to one another (Romans 12:10)?

3D. What would God have you do differently to help our church grow as a loving church?