



Message Review

The Church is to love one another just as Christ loves the Church. God doesn't care about ritualistic religion. We, the Church, must ask the question, "Am I emphasizing the things God does?". If the Church emphasizes tradition, programs, leaders, etc., then we will produce disciples of those things. Instead, the church must focus everything we do around pointing people to God and what He emphasizes – love. We want to connect others to Christ, then we must show them Christ's love. *Christ's love creates real, authentic connection. #bccBIGidea* The wonderful thing about God's love is that it requires us to be vulnerable, but not perfect. None of us are perfect, but all of us can be vulnerable for the sake of showing Christ's love, lowering your half of the drawbridge, and having the courage to share how God has affected your life.

How are most churches known... style of worship, preaching, programs...? How does Jesus want His Church to be known? (John 13:34-35) How do we earn this reputation other than leaning into our relationships with each other, leading with clarity, transparency, and consistency? This is how trust is built. This is how community is built. This is how love is spread. Lead with vulnerability, not perfection.

Reset Prayer

Loving Father,

You have shown me perfection, but You do not call me to be perfect. You call me to You. Help me to be humble enough and trust You enough to be vulnerable with those around me in order that they might see You inside of me. Through my relationships that you've already blessed me with, help me lead with vulnerability, clarity, transparency, and consistency. And open my eyes to the relationships You desire for me for the sake of others coming to see who You are. As I read and reflect on Your Word, allow these truths to sink deep into my heart and help me grow as Your servant.

Amen.

Scriptures to Pray Through

Mark 7:1-9 – We all have our favorite traditions and concepts we hold dear to our hearts. What might need to take backseat to what God holds most important?

John 13:34-35

John 15:9-17

Consider the [Five Proper Biblical Interpretation Questions](#).

(Available at the link above or on the Resource page on BCC's website.)

Suggestions for the Week

Be vulnerable enough to invite someone to lunch or to another activity where stories and life can be shared. Lower your half of the drawbridge and see what God does. Be bold!

Do you have a fun God-moment from a Sunday Lunch experience? [Share it with us HERE!](#)



Prayer is the number one factor when seeking to bring Christ to others.

Monday Morning Prayer, 6-9am – Worship Center – Guided prayer, 8:30-9am (also on Facebook Live).