



Message Review

Everyone has a story and every story matters. Every story is unique because each one of us are unique. Diversity is all around us, but the great thing about diversity, especially within the Church, is it doesn't have to be divisive. In fact, within the context of the Gospel, diversity and unity come together. The challenge is knowing how to come together.

We gather because of Jesus. #bccBIGidea

The Gospel unifies us under the banner of Christ because He is our common union, our shared need, our shared answer! Through our uniqueness, despite our differences, we gather because why we gather is more important than any differences we may have, especially those based on opinion. We have a tendency to get wrapped up in our differences and make them divisive. Are we willing to start with Scripture and allow the power of the Gospel to transform our priorities?

The evidence of God's Spirit alive in us is how we love one another. John's epistle is very clear on this and raises the seriousness of this truth. Deeply consider what it means to love one another and find a time to gather over a meal to get to know one another.

Reset Prayer

Father,

You alone are Love. Thank You for the power of the Gospel only made possible by Your love. Help me, now, to know and understand this love even more; not for my benefit, Father, but for others to see this love inside of me, to experience the overflow of Your love through my actions. Turn my priorities to loving my brothers and sisters in Christ so that the world may see Your transforming power. As I read your Word, give me wisdom to comprehend where I can grow.

Amen.

Scriptures to Pray Through

Acts 2:42-47 – A rather well-known passage of the First Century Church. Look deep within the actions within this community of believers to the root cause of their transformed community.

1 John 3:11-24 – Reflect on the seriousness of the truths found here. Pray for your heart to be softened where God sees fit.

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

Sunday Lunch: We are all called to love one another. Sharing a meal together is a fantastic way to get to know someone and help make sure everyone is included into a Christ-centered community. I hope we all make Sunday lunch a priority, but if you find yourself unable to make a Sunday lunch time fit your schedule, please be proactive in designating another day or evening to sharing a meal with someone you may not know at BCC.

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

Join the rest of your BCC family in prayer on Monday mornings. The Worship Center is open between 6-9am every Monday if you want to gather. You can also join via Facebook at 8:30am. Or pray wherever you are on Monday mornings.

Remember our collective prayer this year:

1. Humility and repentance, 2. Unity in mission, 3. A greater love for God and one another that sets a righteous guard over our hearts and mouths, 4. A greater heart for the next generation and these cities