

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
[Dialogue]
2. Let's read our primary text. What other texts come to mind when considering gratitude or thankfulness toward others?
See also:
Col. 1:3 - We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,
1 Cor. 1:4- I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus
1 Thess. 3:9 - For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God
2 Thess. 1:3 - We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.
3. Do you think Paul simply "turned on" gratitude when writing these letters to the churches? Why or why not?
[Dialogue]
4. Where do you think the source of Paul's gratitude came from? How do you think Paul's past cultivated gratefulness in his heart?
Paul was very aware of who he was and what Christ did for him (see Acts 9). He was a man that was dramatically changed by God and spent his life "walking in step" with the Holy Spirit, as evidenced in his writings.
5. Read Philippians 2:1-11. How does this passage shed light on Paul's deep seeded gratitude for Christ and others?
[Dialogue]
6. Read Colossians 3:12-17. How many times is giving "thanks" mentioned? How does Paul emphasize thankfulness both to God and others in this passage?
[Dialogue]
7. Do you think your family and peers recognize you as one being filled with gratitude? One who expresses thankfulness to others? How can you improve in this area?
[Dialogue]

8. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

[Dialogue]

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity? Would anyone like to share the gospel with the group?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today," ... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives.

Sources:

- ESV Study Bible Commentary