



# Community

*Attitudes*

## Love one another January 2-7

### Monday

*Scripture:* John 13:34-35

*Contemplation:* Why is this a sign that we are Christ's disciples?

*Prayer:* God, help us to love like you do as we go through today.

### Tuesday

*Scripture:* Romans 13:8-10

*Contemplation:* What does this say about the nature of love?

*Prayer:* Grant us strength to love our fellowman as you taught us.

### Wednesday

*Scripture:* 1 Peter 1:22 & Gal. 5:6

*Contemplation:* What is your love revealing about your faith?

*Prayer:* Increase our faith, that it would motivate us to act in love.

### Thursday

*Scripture:* 1 John 3:11-23

*Contemplation:* We are commanded to love. What makes verses 16-18 so hard to obey? What makes it so easy?

*Prayer:* Teach us to be selfless with all that you have given to us.

### Friday

*Scripture:* 1 John 4:7-18

*Contemplation:* How can we have confidence before God? Compare verse 17 with the verse from Monday.

*Prayer:* Jesus, may we be like you, and your love complete in us.

### Saturday

*Scripture:* 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*Contemplation:* Consider what gives purpose to all things. How can everything you do carry enduring purpose?

*Prayer:* May your love be the motivating factor for all we do.

### Weekly Questions:

1. Reflect on a time when you felt loved from someone or a group of believers. What was the event? How was love demonstrated? What was the result/how did you feel?
2. What is it that keeps us from loving one another?
3. How can we start loving one another today?



**Have Equal Concern for One Another**  
**January 9-14**

**Monday**

*Scripture:* 1 Corinthians 12:14-26

*Contemplation:* How can we value equality in a community of diversity?

*Prayer*

**Tuesday**

*Scripture:* 1 Corinthians 11:17-26 & vs 33

*Contemplation:* How does taking communion refocus our attention not only to Christ, but to one another?

*Prayer*

**Wednesday**

*Scripture:* 1 Corinthians 12: 27-31

*Contemplation:* How does God incorporate our uniqueness as individuals into the whole of the Body? What does this look like in our church today?

*Prayer*

**Thursday**

*Scripture:* Ephesians 4:32 & 1 Cor. 13:4

*Contemplation:* What is kindness and compassion contrasted with in these verses? How does the Holy Spirit empower you to walk in this demeanor?

*Prayer*

**Friday**

*Scripture:* Colossians 3:12-17

*Contemplation:* What is the importance of being “Chosen of God, holy and beloved” in vs 12 and how does it empower us into being able to “put on a heart of compassion, kindness, etc”? How do we equip ourselves in this way each day?

*Prayer*

**Saturday**

*Scripture:* 1 Peter 3:8-9-2 Peter 1:5-9

*Contemplation:* How does the importance of remembering our forgiveness coincides with our stewardship of our attitude toward those who offend us?

*Prayer*

**Weekly Questions:**

1. Remember a time when your body was hurt or sick. How did your body respond to the hurt or illness?
2. Tell a story about a time when someone in the church was hurting. How did the church respond to it?
3. Think about a time when you have been wronged. What is it about us that resists “being kind and compassionate” when we are wronged?
4. What specific practices, disciplines, or rituals would help us learn and grow in kindness?





**Accept One Another**  
**January 16-21**

**Monday**

*Scripture: Romans 5:7*  
*Contemplation & Prayer*

**Tuesday**

*Scripture: Romans 14:11-19*  
*Contemplation & Prayer*

**Wednesday**

*Scripture: Luke 7:36-50*  
*Contemplation & Prayer*

**Thursday**

*Scripture: Luke 9:46-48*  
*Contemplation & Prayer*

**Friday**

*Scripture: Luke 18:9-17*  
*Contemplation & Prayer*

**Saturday**

*Scripture: Romans 15:1-7*  
*Contemplation & Prayer*

**Weekly Questions:**

Let's consider a matter that Paul brings up in 1 Cor. 8. Paul is discussing eating food that has been offered to idols. Paul's idea is that while there is nothing in particular wrong with eating such food, we need to consider our brothers and sisters in deciding if we will partake of such food.

In our society there is little chance that we might eat food offered to idols, but there is a similar issue. That is the matter of drinking alcoholic beverages. Several believers have been very negatively impacted by alcohol. In light of the fact that many believers are very sensitive to the matter of drinking alcohol, consider the three following scenarios. How should a believer behave in each case?

Let's suppose that you're present at a well attended church seminar. While food is not provided by the church, a two hour break is taken at noon for people to go out for lunch. You are not acquainted with all the people at the conference. You go to a nearby restaurant where others from the conference may also be present having lunch. While you personally, have no problem having an adult beverage, *should you order an alcoholic drink in this setting? Why/why not?*

In scenario #2, you're on vacation. You attend a local church meeting on Sunday morning. After church you go to a local restaurant for lunch with several people from this church. In light of 1 Cor. 8, how should you choose your beverage in this setting?

In this last scenario, you are once again on vacation and you attend a local church meeting on Sunday. This time, after service you happen go to a restaurant that is not located very close to the church. You aren't accompanied by any new friends from the church who may be affected by your choices. In your opinion, is there reason to avoid the adult beverage? Why/why not?

2. In our society today we often see signs on peoples' lawns saying that we need to "stop hate." By this people mean that we should love another by accepting whatever choices people may make. From the world's perspective, to do otherwise is to hate. Their belief is that whatever you believe for yourself to be true, then it is true for you. In the same way whatever they believe about themselves is true for them. How should a Christian respond to this sort of belief? Is this popular belief consistent with Christianity?

3. In light of this week's readings, what are some of the Christian principles that we need to keep in mind when deciding how we will accept others?





**Be Devoted to and Honor One Another**  
**January 23-28**

**Monday**

*Scripture: Romans 12:10*  
*Contemplation & Prayer*

**Tuesday**

*Scripture: Romans 12:9-21*  
*Contemplation & Prayer*

**Wednesday**

*Scripture: 1 Samuel 20:1-17*  
*Contemplation & Prayer*

**Thursday**

*Scripture: Ruth 1:15-22*  
*Contemplation & Prayer*

**Friday**

*Scripture: Romans 12:9-21*  
*Contemplation & Prayer*

**Saturday**

*Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11*  
*Contemplation & Prayer*

**Weekly Questions:**

1. What does being devoted look like in these contexts?  
John 13:34, Thessalonians 4:9, Hebrews 13:1, 2 Peter 1:7
2. How do you define honor to others in your life?  
1 Peter 3:7, Hebrews 5:4-5, Romans 13:7
3. As you look at the word harmony, what do you focus on?  
Romans 15:6, John 13:35

