



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 3rd Dec 2017
Series: Why should I care?

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Some thoughts on how to care

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.
Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7*

1. A many shapes of one “anothering.”

Rom 12:10 & 16, Rom 15:7, Rom 16:16, 1 Cor 12:25, Gal 5:13,
Gal 6:2, Eph 4:32, Eph 5:21, Col 3:13, 1 Thess 5:11, 15, Heb
10:24, James 5:16, 1 Pet 1:22, 1 John 1:7.

2. Being a Lay Pastor. PEACE.

P- Prayer

E- Encouragement

A- Being Available

C- Comfort & Care

E- Example

3. You're in the Band so what can you do?

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Rom 12:10 & 16, Rom 15:7, Rom 16:16, 1 Cor 12:25, Gal 5:13, Gal 6:2, Eph 4:32, Eph 5:21, Col 3:13, 1 Thess 5:11, 15, Heb 10:24, James 5:16, 1 Pet 1:22, 1 John 1:7. According to these verses what are some of the things that the Christian community is supposed to do for one another?
2. Read 1 John 4:7. What is the believer called to do here and for what reason?
3. What does our PEACE acronym reveal about what it is to be a pastor? What biblical warrant can you find for each of these things- prayer, encouragement, availability, comfort & care as well as example?
4. Read Ephesians 4:11-13. What is the purpose of the five-fold ministry revealed here? What place do you think the pastoral office has in this role? Do you think that you are "gifted" in this space? If so- how can you utilize this gifting in our context?

B. Meditation & application

5. As you read those "one another," statements- which verses speak to you particularly about how you participate in the life of our church? In what church contexts could you put these into practice- in your bible study, on Sundays, in your ministry team & during the week in your engagements with church people?
6. Think of two or three practical, simple things you could do this week- to "one another," in a way that blesses those around you and is an act of obedience to these scriptures? (Send an text, a note, do something random and generous, pray for someone you know is doing it tough). Write what you will do and when you'll do it
7. What gifts do you think God may have given you? Are you "pastoral?" If so, chat to Marcus, Kate or Carolyn today about what you might be able to do in this space in 2018?
8. How could you put into practice PEACE with one person you know who is doing it tough in your relational world?

"Dear Heavenly Father; Thankyou that you are a God of love and compassion. We thankyou that you first loved us and that you give us comfort and encouragement when life is tough. By your Spirit- please enable us to show your love and grace to others in our lives- particularly those who are struggling. In Jesus Name; Amen!