

Sermon Notes

Continually Show Love to Your Brothers

Hebrews 13:1-3

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

13:1 Love your brothers in Christ with actions of kindness.

Jesus established the priority of spiritual family. (Matt. 12:46-50)

Examples of acts of kindness:

Contributing to the needs of brothers (Rom. 12:13)

Show tolerance and long-suffering (Eph. 4:2)

What are ways you show love to members of your family-of-origin, that you could similarly show to brothers in Christ?

13:2 You should not neglect hospitality.

Even to brothers who are strangers to you

How might we show hospitality?

Missionaries, or other traveling Christians

Foreign exchange students

Refugees

Victims of disaster

13:3 Remember the prisoners and those who are ill-treated, persecuted, suffering, Christians.

How about pray for them and communicate with them?

How should we love a brother who is suffering for any reason?

If you went through that, how would you want other Christians to treat you, or what would you want them to do for you?

How do you think God wants you to response to this?

Suggested reading: Luke 14:13-14, Matthew 7:12

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Application questions for 4/9/2017 sermon

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(Just like in the sermon, in these questions “brothers” is going to mean both male and female Christians)

If you heard the sermon, what was the main thing you walked away with - thinking about, or wanting to do or change?

At what level would you say you have accepted that your brothers in Christ should have the same place or more significant place in your life as your family of origin? And if you philosophically have accepted it, at what level do you actually live like it?

If you have a real hard time with accepting that brothers in Christ should have that significant place in your life, what do you do with Matthew 12:46-50?

(Based on verse 1) **(Try to have everyone answer the next four questions.)**

How could you put yourself in position to have significant enough relationships with brothers in Christ, such that you can love one another in meaningful ways?

If you are already in significant relationship, are you doing things to love them?

Some of the ways shared during the sermon were, contributing to one another needs, accepting one another’s differences and quiriness, having meals together, doing kind things for one another like helping with some chore, praying for one another when struggling, and participating in encouraging communication.

Is there some change you want to make or something you want to remember, so that you are doing loving, kind, things for your brothers on a regular basis?

Is there any discomfort you need to get over or just accept, to do these loving things?

(Based on verse 2)

Is there a way you can see yourself showing hospitality - something like giving a needed meal or putting someone up in your home - to a brother, even one you may not know yet? Some of the ways shared in the sermon were, hosting a missionary, a foreign exchange student, a refugee, or someone who had suffered a loss like from fire or other disaster.

How do you think you can be prepared to do such hospitality, if God were to present an opportunity and lead you to do something?

(Based on verse 3)

How would you want to react, and specifically treat a brother, if you saw one of them being persecuted?

Is there a way you want to show care for a brother who is being persecuted?

Maybe it's a brother in your life now (even though maybe their persecution isn't as severe as jail or beatings), who you want to stand up for or stand with. Maybe it's a brother in another part of the world.

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.