

**Living in Exile:  
“Loving One Another in Christian Community”  
I Peter 3:8-12**

Big Idea: What does it look like to love one another in Christian Community?

**I Peter 3:8-12** *Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”*

**Characteristic #1** Being like-minded with one another.

**I Peter 3:8** ... *have unity of mind* ...

“The way we think should be rooted and grounded in the truth of God. The values of Christ should be what shapes and frames our opinions.” - **R.C. Sproul**

**Romans 12:18** *If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.*

**Characteristic #2** Doing life with one another.

**I Peter 3:8** ... *sympathy* ...

**I Corinthians 12:26** *If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.*

**Characteristic #3** Loving one another.

**I Peter 3:8** ... *brotherly love* ...

**John 13:34-35** *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*

**Romans 5:8** *but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

**Characteristic #4** Pursuing the spiritual growth of one another.

**I Peter 3:8** ... *a tender heart* ...

**Philippians 1:8-10** *For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ*

**Characteristic #5** Showing humility towards one another.

**I Peter 3:8** ... *and a humble mind.*

“True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less.” - **C.S. Lewis**

**Philippians 2:3-4** *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

**Characteristic #6** Forgiving one another.

**I Peter 3:9** *Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.*

**Ephesians 4:32** *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

**I Peter 3:10-12** *For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”*