
DISCUSSION GUIDE

FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, SMALL GROUPS

What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly,” within us (Colossians 3:16):

1. Instead of rushing off after the service is over, or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”

2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don't let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share

[Above from book *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church Member*]

For further Application, Meditation and Conversation on today's text:

Date: 10/17/2021 - “Christ's Love Puts Off Envy and Pride” (1 Corinthians 13:4-5)

1. How does it help you read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 to try to put your name where it says "love"? How does it help you to see Christ's name there, but also, what He can help us to be more like, for His namesake?
2. Why is the positive / negative, or put off / put on pattern so important in scripture? How do we sometimes try to do one without the other, or try to change in other ways (ex: put off sin but not put on the Savior's love)?
3. In putting off envy and related sins, how does the scripture reading from 1 Peter 2:1-3 help you grow spiritually in Christ?
4. How do envy and boasting relate to each other and arrogance at the end of 1 Corinthians 13:4? While they're different sins, what kind of thinking can be at the root of both envy and boasting?
5. What are some ways the Corinthians were tempted to envy and boast? What are some ways we can be envious or boastful today?
6. How does looking to Christ help us put off discontentment and pride and put on the Savior's love?
7. If contentment and humility are the cure to the sins at the end of v. 4, what scriptures or doctrines can help you the next time you're tempted in these ways? If you're a parent, how can you help your children when you see these sins in them as well?