

Colossians 3:15-16b

Say the Hard Things PRIMER

Hear the Good News:

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom... (Colossians 3:15-16a)

The Point:

Let the peace of Christ umpire your behavior, root yourself in the Bible, and then love one another by being willing to receive and say the hard things.

Quote:

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy. (Proverbs 27:6)

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. (Proverbs 27:17)

Embrace the Good News:

1. What was your big takeaway from Sunday's message?
2. Read Colossians 3:15-16a and Proverbs 27:6;17
3. What does this passage teach about God (his characteristics, his actions, his plan)?
4. What does this passage teach about humanity (our propensities, our needs, our responsibilities)?
5. How do you begin to embrace the teaching of this passage? Consider reflecting on these questions:
 - a. Are you approachable?
 - b. Are you a firecracker?
 - c. Are you silent?
 - d. Are you a lone ranger?
 - e. Do you run from conflict?
6. Practically speaking, why is this passage significant for your development as a follower of Jesus Christ?

Live the Good News:

1. How does this passage impact the way that you live out the Good News in your home and in your relationships with friends and family?
 - a. Parents: How can you model these truths to your kids and help them to understand these complex concepts?
2. How does it impact the way that you weave the thread of the gospel as you interact with your church family? In our local community? To the ends of the earth?