

WATCH PARTIES

JUNE 21, 2020

Start by praying and asking for God's help as you seek to grow as authentic followers of Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

In the month of June, we are hosting "watch parties" where we gather to participate in church online throughout the city. For the purpose of these gatherings, we are providing a few focused questions to spark conversation rather than our normal discussion notes, which tend to be longer.

1. In John 13:14-15, Jesus says, "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you." How would you describe the example or pattern that Jesus gives them to follow? How does this differ from the world's pattern for life and for leadership?
2. The apostle Paul wrote, "So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready *to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves*, because you had become very dear to us" (italics added). Why must healthy discipleship include *both* instruction in the Word of God *and* authentic relationships with the people of God?
3. Of the following three *Practices for Serving In Community*, what is one practice you would like to grow in your own life?

Practice #1 - affirming one another's gifts, strengths and abilities

- Romans 12:10 — "honor one another above yourselves"
- James 5:9 — "don't grumble against one another"
- Romans 12:3-8 — "confirm the gifts of one another"

Practice #2 - affirming one another's equal importance in Christ

- Romans 15:7 — "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you."
- 1 Corinthians 12:5 — "have equal concern for one another."
- Philippians 2:4 — "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."
- 1 Peter 5:5 — "clothe yourself with humility toward one another"

Practice #3 - affirming one another through affection

- Romans 16:16 — "Greet one another with a holy kiss."
- James 1:19 — "Be quick to listen, and slow to speak."
- Ephesians 4:32 — "be kind and compassionate to one another"
- 1 Thessalonians 3:12 — "Your love increase and overflow for each other."

[Some info from question #3 taken from *Gospel in Life*, by Tim Keller with Sam Shammas, John Lin.]