

WORD of GRACE



Small Group Ministry

Vision

To be a church of small groups, not a church with small groups.
We do life together because we are better together. To know and to be known.

Purpose

To fulfill the goal of the great commission: making disciples.
To create a group dynamic where the “One Another’s” of the scriptures can be fleshed out.
Hebrews 10:24 “Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works”

Mission

To move people from Sunday attendance to full integration in the lives of others while growing in Christ together.
To create a culture where the small groups are the vehicle where spiritual growth and relational discipleship is realized.

Philosophy of ministry

The foundation for small groups will be Acts 2:42, “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

WOG will support various types of small groups to accomplish the discipleship we are called to engage in. We recognize that relational discipleship is the thrust of the scriptures, therefore Community groups will be the centerpiece of our small group ministry and all members will be expected to participate.

We encourage our Community Groups to meet weekly on a night that works for those attending and include the elements from Acts 2:42. The one another's of the scriptures will also be woven into the fabric of the time together.

Unpacking Acts 2:42

Devoted themselves: It's not about individual identity or autonomy – it's a shared commitment around shared goals. The word devoted has the idea of persistence, intensity and determination despite difficulty. This wasn't just an option in their busy schedule. This is the hub around which other lifestyle choices were made.

Take a look at each aspect of what they devoted themselves to:

1. **Apostles teaching:** passing on the teachings of Jesus. Remember the great commission – the content of discipleship is “teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you.” - More on that in the next section. Essentially, our point of reference is biblical teaching.
2. **Fellowship:** This idea gets lost in translation. Even in our church culture, it is a rather nebulous concept which is hard to define. We kind of define it as that which happens apart from any program – “hanging out”. It is so much more than that! It's the glue that binds us together. It permeates, maybe oozes between us. It is a “knowing and being known”. It's sharing but centrally connected to devotion. They were so connected that they shared EVERYTHING! No one had need. Think of the verse where as believers we fellowship in the sufferings of Christ. This fellowship has a level of love, devotion and commitment that is what we are talking about.
3. **Breaking of bread:** the time sharing a meal is often undervalued. This often sets the tone for the rest of your time together. It is the incubator for deep fellowship. This is where family is born – laughter, celebrations, tears, frustration all come out around the table. There are few shared experiences that can accomplish connecting people as significantly as breaking bread together.
4. **The Prayers:** This is a vibrant aspect of the gathering. Take time breaking bread to share what is on your heart with your brothers and sisters. The goal is to have your time of prayer flow naturally as a part of your interaction. So much of the time prayer requests and prayers are quickly tacked on the end of gathering due to lack of time management. It will take determination and intentionality to develop this key part of your time together.

The connection to discipleship: in the great commission, Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." At WOG, we believe that Scriptures teach and demonstrate that individual spiritual growth occurs in the context of the body of Christ thru the exercise of spiritual gifts in the power of the Spirit. That spiritual growth is a necessary component in the discipleship process. As is seen in I Cor. 12, each individual part of the body of Christ is essential in the overall growth and function of the body of Christ. Every part is essential and needed to realize the call of God as a disciple.

Once discipled, the natural next step is to now disciple as you have been discipled. With Sunday morning as the nexus, small groups become the soil where spiritual growth and discipleship can flourish.

To encourage intentional discipleship, each CG will be guided in a regular occurring spiritual assessment tool. This will provide a context where each participant will be able to identify areas of growth needed as identified by a season of prayer and scriptural study. The CG Coach will point CG leaders in the right direction to obtain assessment tools that will assist each group in this process.

The metaphor of training for a race is seen throughout the epistles and the idea of discipline is to be a regular feature of the Christian life and walk with the Lord. The call to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily and follow Jesus is only accomplished through discipline (Luke 9:23). Paul shares his approach: *"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and keep it under control,^[b] lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified."* I Cor. 9:24-27

There are many helpful resources that address the topic of spiritual disciplines. Many Christians today are familiar with only a few of the disciplines. Jesus demonstrated these disciplines during his earthly ministry and is our template to follow. The CG Coach will be able to offer resources to assist each believer and each CG Leader and each CG in embracing the disciplines.

The connection to discipleship: (con't)

The thrust of engaging in the disciplines is to position ourselves to be effective workers of the kingdom who carries the message of reconciliation and the hope of the gospel. The relationships within the community group are essential to continue to encourage each other to maintain our devotion and fidelity to accomplish the calling in our lives.

Hebrews 10 gives us the charge:

"²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."
Heb. 10:23-25

So, as you can see, the CG is one of the critical venues that WOG leverages by which we all cooperate with the transformation accomplished by the power of the Spirit.

Unity: Uniting with others in a community group demonstrates a covenantal relationship where we declare that this group will become our "people". This intimacy is intentional in order to live out the "one another's" listed in scripture. The community group is not the goal, but the tool to open up a depth and breadth of what it means to live life together. The community group becomes the launching point for opening our lives to each other. The end goal is to be family. We love to be together, we celebrate life moments with each other, and yes we get under each others skin and irritate each other. Another aspect that is rare in our culture is to be spontaneous with each other. As our community group relationships grow, experiences birthed out of spontaneity cement our connections with each other. Programs, classes and planned events are limited in creating the unity found thru small group community.

The Gathering:

The "One Anothers" (see list in the Appendix) are the central focus of Community Groups. The purpose for the Community Group is to establish a regular routine where relationships can flourish. With our fragmented culture, it's too easy to be driven by life without being intentional about what it means to develop what the scripture calls "brotherly love". Jesus stated it simply, "they will know you are my disciples if you love one another." Typically, the idea of loving

one another is limited by popular culture, but what we see in the body of Christ is a connection that extends to our very spiritual growth. It can't be just "Me and Jesus" like is thrown around occasionally in Christian circles. This life together cannot be programmed. That's why we believe one of the best vehicle is the Community Group. Reading thru the list of the One Another's lead to the natural conclusion that the goal is actually is relational discipleship.

The group setting isn't the end all either. The weekly gathering is intended to be a launching pad for other opportunities to engage in each others' lives. There are three aspects to relational discipleship: Life on life, life in community and life on mission.

Life on life: breaking down to community groups into other discipleship relationships.

Life in community: being known, offering authenticity and inviting others.

Life on mission: serving together- engaging in our neighborhoods, work places and families.

There are other small groups at Word of Grace. They include Men's ministry, Women's ministry, Prayer ministry, Worship ministry, etc. These are specific ministry based small groups that have a tight focus, but may not provide the same consistency of relational connection that a Community Group would provide. These groups could also serve as a feeder into our Community Groups.

We believe that the one others are best lived out in small group community - we call these community groups. Community groups will be a key component in the method of discipleship leveraging what is taught on Sunday Morning.

Logistics:

Size:

If the small groups are going to succeed at the purposes for which they are designed, the smaller they are the better. The average size of the small groups should be around 10-12 adults. Once you get to a maximum of 15-16 adults, that group should birth a new group. If a group gets too large most homes become a problem, you can end up with too many children and it ceases to be conducive for adding new members to the group. It can actually become more like a small local church, which is obviously not the goal.

Open vs. closed:

This is probably the most controversial topic when discussing small group ministry. There is nothing in scripture that dictates that one is right or wrong. The emphasis either way is that the group needs to be evidencing the features of Acts 2:42 and practicing the "One Another's" of Scripture. Another perspective is looking at it from a good-better-best reference. The bottom line at WOG is that we don't want anyone left out. This is reflected in our value that, "We are people first, because we want people to know they are valued by God." This is challenging if someone sees that many of our groups are "closed" when they desire to become part of a Community Group. Therefore we believe that it is "best" to have as many of our Community Groups "open" as possible. This enhances our ability to tell everyone that they are welcome and there is a place for them. This also positions our groups to be submissive to the Spirit and allow him to dictate the makeup of our group. We also believe that there are special occasions for a group to be "closed" for a limited period of time due to some very delicate issues or needs that arise where healing is a focal point. The one another that we could invoke is, "*Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.*" (1 Peter 4:9)

Content:

We find ourselves in a culture very similar to the Greeks where there was interest in any new and exciting teaching. Too much of the time we move from one new teaching to another without utilizing the God given context of relationship so that we are applying what we are being taught before we move on to the next topic.

This also needs to be more than an intellectual or informational exercise. Biblical literacy is good, but obedience is the call of the Scriptures. See, "Beware of Head Culture" – <https://www.smallgroups.com/articles/2011/application-basics.html>

The purpose of small groups is not to be content driven, but relationally driven. The one another we want to focus on here is Hebrews 10:24, 25 – "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

Mutual teaching – another concept that we want to emphasize is the power of testimony and of mutual teaching.

Romans 15:14 – "I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers,^[a] that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another." Paul is praising the Romans about their maturity in Christ and one of those aspects is the ability to instruct one another. In our western society, we

place high emphasis on teachers as a honored class of people. In the body of Christ, teaching is somewhat deconstructed. While there is the gift of teaching, there is a broader aspect where it is normal for each of us to “instruct” one another. It goes beyond the hierarchical and classroom environment we are so used to.

One sign of a healthy and mature community group is that there is mutual submission to each other.

Since the Pastor contributes a significant amount of his shepherding energy prepping and teaching the Word, it is only fitting that this would serve as the content to be used for CG's. We need to be doer's of the Word and not hearers only (James 1:22-25). CG's exist to promote application driven relationships. Sharing and testifying to the impact of the Word will cause the group to grow. This will lead to natural flow in prayer, accountability, encouragement and exhortation. When a group occasionally decides to focus on other material for a season, the curriculum will need to be reviewed and approved to ensure the spiritual safety and integrity of the CG. The curriculum will be submitted to the CG Leader Coach who will consult with other Pastors and/or leaders.

Children:

The conventional approach is to separate the children. While there is no right or wrong approach, there are some compelling reasons to incorporate children into your small group. Historically, churches have segregated children on Sunday mornings into Sunday school classes. Youth groups meet on a separate night and have a ministry of their own. The argument has strong roots in the Christian Education movement. The challenge is that it removes them from the organic nature of the experience of what happens in an open-ended venue like Community Groups.

You may not think children can benefit from being with the Adults, but it's amazing to hear what they have to say when they are included (out of the mouth of babes, right?). They are ALWAYS listening and observing. When they hear what Mom, Dad and other adults are sharing and learning, the impact is immeasurable. It also serves to more natural discipleship interactions with your own kids. If you are concerned with the dynamic of having children participate in your group, read, “Everyone Benefits by Including Children in Small Groups” by Logan Gentry. This may help you decide whether to include children or not.

Outreach: (Life on Mission)

The second commandment exhorts us to love our neighbor. Jesus gives us the quintessential example of how humility is essential in outreach in Phil 2. People cannot be viewed as a project. The purpose of outreach is to offer ourselves to our “neighbor” and bring them into the fellowship. Meeting tangible needs offers us the opportunity to demonstrate that unique Jesus type of love that will give them a glimpse of what it looks like to be part of the body of Christ even though they may not understand its implications. This is what the early church was so effective at and why it unnerved the Roman culture. Serving and loving from a group dynamic that enables everyone to participate with their unique ability and gifting. This way, evangelism flows naturally as part of the outreach effort.

Community Group growth:

One of the greatest difficulties that you will have is multiplying groups. Part of the problem is that people become comfortable in their group and they want things to stay just the way they like them. It's ironic, but groups that do not birth new groups end up becoming ingrown and usually dissolve after about 2-3 years. All groups should be open to new people at all times or they should have a natural life cycle because of the unique purpose of that specific group. Birthing new groups should be seen as a natural outworking from the very beginning.

Yearly assessment: We recognize that in our nature, we want to continue our relationships indefinitely because it offers security, familiarity and comfort. Relational discipleship calls us to a higher vision. The scripture exhorts us all to practice hospitality – 1 Peter 4:9. Therefore, Community Groups will have an annual life cycle. This is for the purpose of creating a broader connection across the entire fellowship of believers. This is not to say that every CG needs to disband yearly. What this does mean, is that the group is consistently outward focused to ensure that anyone on the sidelines or in our circles of influence are welcomed into the community. It's all about creating a culture of hospitality that is driven by the movement of the Spirit.

Values: (Life in Community)

Authenticity:

A close cousin that is required to experience authenticity is humility. To become like family requires risk and openness. It is powerful to reveal yourself to your family and experience the kind of love and acceptance offered in the body of Christ. Most of us have been burned in some relationship or another or maybe in another small group. This is where the rubber meets the road. Your identity must be in Christ to weather these challenges, but the rewards are priceless.

Here are 7 traits of meaningful authenticity:

1. Willingness to take a risk
2. Responding with grace
3. Asking bold questions
4. Answering questions honestly
5. No euphemisms
6. Asking for help
7. Sacrificial help

For more detailed explanations:

<https://research.lifeway.com/2020/05/14/7-traits-of-meaningful-authenticity-in-a-small-group/>

Accountability:

The classic teaching on accountability normally deals with stopping behavior that is recognized as unbiblical, unhealthy or both. This is only one side of the proverbial coin. Biblical accountability has another and arguably a more important side. This has to do with what God is calling you TO do. Once we understand the calling of God, the conviction of what obedience we need to follow thru on, then we can properly deal with what we need to forsake.

“Putting off” your old self mentioned in Eph. 4:22 gives us a much better motivation since we are called to “Put on” the new self in v. 24. See Rom. 13:14 about “Putting on Christ” for a parallel.

Therefore, accountability is to be offered as we submit to one another.

Accountability should be much more than the typical “I need someone to hold me accountable” – it should be more along the lines of, “I commit myself to sharing how I am doing in this area”. Accountability is to be obedience focused within the group and a normal aspect of community group life.

Hospitality:

It's interesting to note that hospitality is exhorted for widows, for shepherds, in parables, and in our relationships with each other. In fact the idea of “practicing” hospitality is woven throughout the scriptures. This transcends our Sunday gatherings or other church programs. Hospitality adds to the depth of fellowship. It's only when we are “life on life” that we can truly get to the idea of knowing and being known. In its essence, hospitality is welcoming one another into our homes and lives. Paul alluded to this in his letter to the Thessalonians:

1 Thess 2: “ For we never came with words of flattery,^[a] as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶ Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷ But we were gentle^[c] among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸ 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.**”

Body care:

One of the natural outgrowths of the small group ministry is the opportunity it creates to organically care for the body. When you structure the church around small groups those small groups become ministry centers. You can handle just about everything regarding ministry to the believer through this channel including: personal discipleship, visitor follow-up, pastoral care, hospital visitation, wedding and baby showers and even evangelistic outreach. This decentralizes the notion that it's up to the staff and pastors to do the shepherding care of the fellowship. A healthy CG community can step up and contribute to true community care. This truly demonstrates a level of maturity in the life of a church.

Launching a Community Group

How a CG is launched is critical for setting the tone for the long term relational dynamic of the group. There are many approaches that have been tested over the years in small group ministries. The challenge in this country is to experience true, authentic community. One of the best tools to break thru the cultural barriers is to start by sharing our stories. For that reason, the tool that is highly recommended is the study by Andy Stanley titled, "Community: Starting Well in Your Small Group." It's more of a conversation guide than a traditional study that most Christians are used to. A unique feature of this 8 week conversation is that 4 out of the 8 sessions are dedicated to hearing each person's story.

Another key component is getting each person to understand the commitment level required to build this type of relational community. This is a big ask in a culture where "busyness" is the norm. It has been demonstrated that meeting weekly really is necessary to build community. Think of it this way: if you meet every other week and miss one session, you will be with the group once a month.

Unless each person shares the same commitment level, it will be a challenge to see the "one another's" lived out in a natural way. To facilitate the idea of ensuring a shared commitment, it is encouraged that the "WOG Small Group Covenant" is used. It's adapted from Andy Stanley's study and is highly effective in making sure everyone has the same expectations and understanding. This is leveraged at the end of the 8 session study when everyone declares whether they are "in" or not. The Covenant can be used multiple times throughout the life cycle of a CG. For example, if a group takes a summer break, the Covenant can be used as a "soft" launch in the fall once again to set the tone and expectations until the next summer.

Leading a Community Group

Historically, it was thought that an outgoing, charismatic type of personality is necessary to lead a small group. This could not be further from the truth and demonstrates an archaic view of leadership. Biblically, shepherding is a better metaphor for leadership than what has been typically pushed in our culture and even our church sub-culture.

Shepherding throws off the hierarchical model of leadership and embraces a “come along side” approach. It’s living life together as we pool our biblical knowledge and experiences. Think of it as collaborative learning. Each person is unique in their biblical understanding and experience walking with the Lord. The shepherd leader cares about the spiritual health and discipleship of each person and demonstrates how we each can in turn shepherd each other. This is where the “one another’s” come alive. The CG leader is more of a guide with a pulse on the group dynamic so everyone is benefiting from hearing from everyone else. This does take experience and training, but it’s not only for the “select few”. That’s why each group is encouraged to be regularly developing shepherds who can lead CG’s. The most common approach is to designate an “apprentice” or “apprentice couple” out of the gate as soon as possible during the early life of a new CG. Another, more organic, approach is to expose each person to leading a session occasionally to confirm their calling and hone their skills. All this to say that there is more than one approach to learning to shepherd.

What does a typical CG group session look like?

A typical time to schedule would be about 2 ½ hrs.

Here is a typical schedule:

5:30 – 6:30 Fellowship/Breaking bread.

6:30 – 7:30 Content

7:30 – 8:00 Prayer

This doesn’t necessarily mean everyone is out the door at 8. It just means that people can leave at that point without interrupting the natural flow of the evening. There may be more discussions among individuals, more prayer, planning, etc. Each session will be different and can ebb and flow as needed, but the schedule protects the essentials.

BTW – the food thing really rattles people when they first think about sharing a meal every week. Done right, this can be simplified. First off, don’t make it a gourmet competition – if you do, it will kill community. The emphasis is breaking

bread TOGETHER - not making fancy meals. You'll be amazed how much each person will look forward to sitting and getting caught up with each other around the table. One way is to have the host family for the week make the main dish and then each couple or single person brings a side. Typical fare includes pizza, pasta, burgers, sloppy joes, BBQ, salads, etc. There are many apps that can assist in handling the logistics.

The final piece of the meal time is to use it to talk about things to pray about later. How many times have you been in a small group that when it comes to the time of prayer, you spend more time talking about what to pray about rather than actually praying? You want to go naturally into prayer after the content rather than taking a significant amount of time asking for prayer requests. This is where social media can be a helpful tool. Posting and tracking prayer requests on a private group site can be powerful in the life of the CG.

The use of Social Media:

Leverage social media for your group. For all the negative critique of social media, this can definitely be one of its strengths. There are many platforms where you can start a group and use it to enhance your connectedness as a group. Communication is a key component to developing a strong CG. Not only can you schedule your weekly sessions, meal planning, special event planning, outreach opportunities and other logistics can be easily posted. Perhaps one of the most powerful ways to use this tool is to document and track prayer requests. This allows all the members to post concerns, requests and praises in real time. Imagine how this would work – regular communication occurring among the members about how things are going while having an outlet to post a request when life gets challenging. Not only can people come along side in the moment, but it will give each person the chance to interact and check how things are going at the weekly meeting. This can truly add to a sense of connection and community which will strengthen the bonds we have together in the name of Christ. There is a good chance there will be someone in the group who is gifted and has the passion for leveraging social media.

CG Health Assessment

The CG Coach (or designee) will connect with the CG Leader(s) at intervals that coincide with the natural cycle of CG life in order to assess the health of the group. This will be a collaborative approach in which a review/preview method will be used. A review of the past CG cycle will include a discussion about the milestones that the group experienced, what growth was testified to, what outreach was accomplished and the depth of relational connection that occurred. The CG Coach may also provide tools that can be used to assess the health of the group and to ensure that a discipling environment is being provided. The purpose is to help the CG Leader(s) grow in their capacity to shepherd the group effectively in mutual discipleship.

Between these assessments, the CG Leader(s) are also encouraged to ask for assistance whenever necessary. Being proactive when facing challenges will help the Leader(s) and the group to flourish in the midst of these situations.

The preview portion will focus on what the next CG cycle will look like for each particular group and concentrate on goals and changes that may be necessary to keep the group growing. This would be a natural opportunity to see if there is room to add participants or if it's time to birth another group. Identifying and encouraging training of apprentices is a natural function of this process.

Training & Equipping

Prerequisites:

- CG Leaders must be members of WOG for 6 months.
- CG Leaders will have prior experience participating in a community group or similar small group ministry.

The most effective situation for small group training is participating in the life cycle of a community group. This is the preferred path of equipping potential leaders of small groups. Since community groups are a dynamic relational community, it should be normal for different individuals within the group to lead occasionally. There is no need to rely on 1 or 2 individuals within the group to be the facilitators each week. The current designated leaders of the community group will enable facilitation by other members of the group as an apprentice role. This shared approach to leading will facilitate a shared responsibility for everyone to contribute. Once this dynamic is understood and practiced overtime, leaders will be organically grown from within the group naturally. When the need arises, either due to the group growing large enough to birth another group, or a brand new group is created, an apprentice or apprentice couple would be able to seamlessly slide into a leadership role. The group along with the Community Group Coach will confirm the readiness of the apprentices to lead the new group.

This Life-in- community approach will be supplemented by quarterly training for all community group leaders, including potential new leader apprentices. The CG Leader Coach will also make available an approved set of Pod Casts, Video clips and other material for continuing education of the CG Leader Community. The CG Leader Coach or his designee will be available for individualized training on an as needed basis.

In lieu of the above guidelines, leaders can be approved by the Pastoral staff in concert with the CG Leader Coach.

Appendix:
One Another's list

1. "...Be at peace with each other." (Mark 9:50)
2. "...Wash one another's feet." (John 13:14)
- 3-7, 11, 54-59 "...Love one another..." (John 13:34,35; 15:12,17; Rom 13:85, (I John 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11, 12, II John 5
8. "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love..." (Romans 12:10)
9. "...Honor one another above yourselves. (Romans 12:10)
10. "Live in harmony with one another..." (Romans 12:16)
12. "...Stop passing judgment on one another." (Romans 14:13)
13. "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you..." (Romans 15:7)
14. "...Instruct one another." (Romans 15:14)
15. "Greet one another with a holy kiss..." (Romans 16:16)
16. "...When you come together to eat, wait for each other." (I Cor. 11:33)
17. "...Have equal concern for each other." (I Corinthians 12:25)
18. "...Greet one another with a holy kiss." (I Corinthians 16:20)
19. "Greet one another with a holy kiss." (II Corinthians 13:12)
20. "...Serve one another in love." (Galatians 5:13)
21. "If you keep on biting and devouring each other...you will be destroyed by each other." ^[L]_{ISEP} (Galatians 5:15)
22. "Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other." (Galatians 5:26)
23. "Carry each other's burdens..." (Galatians 6:2)
24. "...Be patient, bearing with one another in love." (Ephesians 4:2)
25. "Be kind and compassionate to one another..." (Ephesians 4:32)
26. "...Forgiving each other..." (Ephesians 4:32)
27. "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs." (Ephesians 5:19)
28. "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." (Ephesians 5:21)
29. "...In humility consider others better than yourselves." (Philippians 2:3)
30. "Do not lie to each other..." (Colossians 3:9)

31. "Bear with each other..." (Colossians 3:13)
32. "...Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another." (Colossians 3:13)
33. "Teach...[one another]" (Colossians 3:16)
34. "...Admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)
35. "...Make your love increase and overflow for each other." (I Thessalonians 3:12)
36. "...Love each other." (I Thessalonians 4:9)
37. "...Encourage each other..." (I Thessalonians 4:18)
38. "...Encourage each other..." (I Thessalonians 5:11)
39. "...Build each other up..." (I Thessalonians 5:11)
40. "Encourage one another daily..." (Hebrews 3:13)
41. "...Spur one another on toward love and good deeds." (Hebrews 10:24)
42. "...Encourage one another." (Hebrews 10:25)
43. "...Do not slander one another." (James 4:11)
44. "Don't grumble against each other..." (James 5:9)
45. "Confess your sins to each other..." (James 5:16)
46. "...Pray for each other." (James 5:16)
47. "...Love one another deeply, from the heart." (I Peter 3:8)
48. "...Live in harmony with one another..." (I Peter 3:8)
49. "...Love each other deeply..." (I Peter 4:8)
50. "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." (I Peter 4:9)
51. "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others..." (I Peter 4:10)
52. "...Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another..." (I Peter 5:5)
53. "Greet one another with a kiss of love." (I Peter 5:14)

