

WEEK 12- FACING EACH OTHER

1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

1. GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD TREAT AUTHORITY DIFFERENTLY
2. GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD TREAT EACH OTHER DIFFERENTLY
3. GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD TREAT THE WORLD DIFFERENTLY

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of the teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. **ICEBREAKER:** Thanksgiving is this week! That means it's time for the classic, timeless question...What are you thankful for this year?
3. Which of the three main ideas from this week's message is the most difficult for you and why? In other words, which group of people (authorities in the church, other Christians or people outside the church) do you have the most difficulty treating the way 1 Thess. 5:12-15 says we should treat them?
4. The first main idea this week was that "God's people should treat authority differently." How do you typically feel and act towards people in authority above you? What do you think it would look like for you to regard the leaders in your church "very highly in love?"
5. The second main idea this week was that "God's people should treat each other differently." Our natural tendency is to enter relationships based on what we can get out of them but God's way is different. Have you ever been "networked" by someone? How did that make you feel? What are some small ways you can begin to invest in other people who may not be able to give you anything in return?
6. Why do you think it's significant that these commands in 1 Thess. 5:12-15 are given to EVERY SINGLE follower of Jesus and not just leaders?
7. The final idea this week was that "God's people should treat the world differently." On auto-pilot we all just look out for ourselves or the group of people we are a part of. What do you think it would look like if we truly pursued what was good for ALL?
8. The only way we can truly change how we relate to authority, to each other and to the world is by having a deeper understanding of what Jesus has done for us. How do you keep what Jesus has done for you at the forefront of your thoughts? How do you think that could help you treat other people well regardless of who they are or what they've done?