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# EDITABLE STUDY SHEETS

*God’s Greenhouse: How to Grow People God’s Way*

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# Today’s Subject: Foundational Principles

Key Question: What does God expect our church to be? Let’s find out!

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God. The first two letters in “gospel” are \_\_\_\_\_.
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
11. Our central text for this very important series is 1 Corinthians 3:9, “For we are God’s fellow workers, also known as God’s coworkers. You, as God’s people, are God’s field. You are God’s farm. You are God’s garden. You are the place where God grows things. You are also God’s building.” The King James Version uses the word “husbandry.” A husbandry is the practice of *cultivating crops*.
12. Our church is a place where God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people!
13. “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cannot do it without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and He has chosen not to do it without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!”

*How much do you want a church where people can grow?*

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# Today’s Subject: God’s First Greenhouse

* Our central text for this series is 1 Corinthians 3:9, *“You are God’s farm/cultivated field/ garden.”* We could also translate this phrase, *“You are God’s* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*.”*
* The Bible \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God’s first greenhouse.
* The name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ means “delight.”
* Our first goal is to create an environment where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ His children.
* Tom Bandy’s diagnosis of many churches: “We have made many church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but not many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

*The Characteristics Of God’s First Garden*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fruit.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ begets like.
3. Every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ supplied.
4. State of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Authentic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Absent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ home.
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God.
9. Warning \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
10. Tree of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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# Today’s Subject: Characteristics of a Spiritual Greenhouse

* Our central text for this series is 1 Corinthians 3:9 *“you (speaking of us at* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *Church) are God’s farm/cultivated field/ garden.”* We could also translate this phrase, *“You are God’s* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*.”*
* Our church is the place where God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people! But none of this is possible unless we first have a condition (greenhouse environment) where God is free to work in the hearts of His people. It is then that we experience a true, lasting revival!!!
* Each one of these people is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for us to grow in God’s greenhouse.
* Our first goal is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an environment where God can grow His children.
* Am I growing as a Christian? YES NO
* Am I helping anyone to grow as a Christian? YES NO

*Lessons From A Common, Ordinary Greenhouse*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ owner.

* 1. Jesus said, “Upon this rock \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will build \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ church.” (Matthew 16:18)
  2. “My” means “our.” YES NO
  3. When God finds a church that is growing healthy Christians, God sends that church plenty of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to work with.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Jerusalem church allowed God to be in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of every single ministry!
   1. Is Jesus in the middle of this ministry? YES NO
   2. Will our ministry help create a greenhouse environment so that people can grow in our church? YES NO
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Churches do not have a growing environment when they have continual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-through. “Good news travels fast in this church, but bad news travels even \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!”
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Our greenhouse is for large plants called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and small plants called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*Does God trust us enough to invest His seed in our church?*

All of it Some of it None of it

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# Today’s Subject: The Pneuma in the Greenhouse

1. Our central text for this series is 1 Corinthians 3:9, *“you (speaking of us at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church) are God’s farm/cultivated field/ garden.”* We could also translate this phrase, *“You are God’s* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*.”*
2. Our church is the place where God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people.
3. Plants need \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to grow.
4. All of us have heard of a pneumatic tool (a tool which operates by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pressure). The word pneumatic comes from the Greek word *pneuma* which means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The same word is used for the Holy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*pneuma). The Holy Spirit is the air in God’s greenhouse! Without Him there is no life!* *(See 1 Corinthians 3:16 and Ephesians 2:22.)*
5. How to have the Holy Spirit present in a church service:

1. Ask Him to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with you.

2. Ask Him to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through you!

3. Ask Him to remind you that He is a Person with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. How can we disturb the Holy Spirit?

* Unnecessarily \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in church.
* Not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one another in a holy manner.
* Not having a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attitude.
* Hindering the time of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Ask Him to show you the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in your brothers and sisters.

5. Ask Him to speak to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in every service.

He will do this through the:

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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# Today’s Subject: Warning Signs

1. Our central text for this series is 1 Corinthians 3:9, *“you (speaking of us at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Church) are God’s farm/cultivated field/ garden.”* We could also translate this phrase, *“You are God’s Greenhouse.”*
2. Our church is the place where God *grows* people.
3. Can God remove His presence from a local church? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ represents God’s light or presence in a local church.
5. The church at Ephesus closed because it was no longer a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ church for God to grow people!
6. The key issue for churches in the 21st century will be church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not church growth. When congregations are healthy, they grow the way God intends. Healthy churches don’t need \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – they grow naturally.
7. What causes a greenhouse to fail?
8. Wrong \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the workers. Is this a problem for me? Yes No
9. Wrong \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are used. Is this a problem for me? Yes No
10. Wrong \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are used (list them below). Circle those that are a problem for me.
    1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
11. Wrong \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is pursued. Is this a problem for me? Yes No

*“To develop an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where God can plant His seed and*

*bring that seed to full maturity in Jesus Christ.”*

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# Today’s Subject: Key Ingredients to a Successful Greenhouse Environment

Text: 1 Corinthians 3:1-10, the key phrase is in vs 9: “We are God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” The work cannot be done without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but He has decided not to do it without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

1. Key Question: What kind of people does “*US*” have to be in order for God to do His work?
2. Remember this: We don’t come here to boss but we come here to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and it is a wonderful privilege to serve Jesus at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church!
3. Answer to Question A above: “US” is not based upon our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but upon our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*The four keys to a successful greenhouse are:*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - the only thing which is more beautiful than a flower is a mature, Spirit-filled Christian who looks just like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The only way this goal can be achieved is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them one by one and then to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them one by one!!! Do you think this is a good way to express our goal?

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are followed. If you want God to give the increase, then do the planting and watering God’s way!

* There is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ substitute for doing it God’s way. Most of our problems happen when we do it our own way!

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - this is not a playtime! The reality is everyone we touch will live \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 25:46).

* The enemy of every life is the devil; the hope of every life is Jesus Christ; we are the only ones who can share that hope with others!

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - there is an old saying, “Everything rises and falls on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

*Above all, you must believe in what you are doing! If you do not believe, you will fall beneath the criticism of others, the unfaithfulness of many, and the lack of support for the cause.*

*Secret to success: Never do it for the people because the people as a whole will never truly appreciate the effort. Instead, do it for Him! He always knows!*

*Yes, Do It For Him!*

*God’s Greenhouse: an environment where God can plant His seed*

*and bring that seed to full maturity in Jesus Christ.*

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# Today’s Subject: A Kinder, Gentler Church

***ACHIEVABLE GOAL:*** *“Helping Believers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Together In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Through \_\_\_\_\_\_ And Forgiveness.”*

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ practiced this goal in his everyday life.
* What would you most like to be known for? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* He was:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Controlled by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Full of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*Four Identifying Characteristics of A Barnabas:*

1. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christian.
   1. This is the way the Bible introduces Barnabas to us.
   2. TRUE or FALSE - Barnabas would see a need then respond to that need.
   3. The name Barnabas means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” of encouragement.”
   4. Encouragement is translated from the Greek word *paraklete*.
   5. Would Barnabas be a good man to have in our church? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Made everyone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. Everyone was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Sheriff Saul
   2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ comes to Saul’s rescue.
   3. Our city is full of Saul’s who need a Barnabas to help them grow!
3. Willing to take \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ place.
   1. The original order was 1. Barnabas then 2. Saul. Who eventually became the more important? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. John the Baptist: “Jesus must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but I must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ others.
   1. Barnabas and Paul disagreed over a young man named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   2. Who was more forgiving? Barnabas Paul
   3. Do I ever need a second chance? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   4. How many chances do I need? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   5. Late in his life Paul said, “Mark is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to me for the ministry.”

***Helping*** *believers grow together in Him through love and forgiveness.*

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# Today’s Subject: What Has to Happen Before I Can Grow?

KEY QUESTION: Which Comes First? Growth or Life?

1. You cannot spiritually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that which is spiritually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus taught Nicodemus, “Unless one is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
3. One of the greatest problems in Christianity today is we are trying to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who are spiritually dead.
4. There are two worlds: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Can a man be dead spiritually but alive physically? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ follows life and that life takes place in the center of your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!
7. KEY: *“Except a man be born again he cannot see, experience, comprehend or understand the spiritual kingdom of God.”*

*Eight items the unsaved person cannot experience:*

1. The person and pleasures of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The importance of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ experience.
3. The power of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. The richness of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for his life. Do you feel you have wasted your life in obeying the will of God? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Being in God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. *Kosmos* has the idea of an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ system.
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ escape from the eternal judgment to come. “God gave the right to become children of God to as many as *received* Jesus!” All \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can do is make an effort to tell them. Only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can open their heart, and only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can believe for the salvation of their soul.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of seeing someone born again. “They that sow in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shall reap in joy.”

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# Today’s Subject: How the Devil Turns an ‘US’ Church into an ‘I’ Church

* “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!” (Psalm 133:3)
* One of the devil’s names is Abaddon in the Hebrew language and Apollyon in the Greek language. Both of those names mean \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Jesus taught in Matthew 12:25, “A divided kingdom is headed for destruction. A divided city cannot survive. A divided home cannot stand.” Based upon that principle we can also say, “A divided \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cannot stand either.”
* The number one goal of the devil is to divide our church, and the devil will begin with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*Three ways the devil will divide us:*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: deep theologian.
   2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: polished, eloquent.
   3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Pentecostal Baptist.
   4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: just honorable mention!
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ control. Three common-sense words: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - the meekest man in all the earth. Meekness means “keeping one’s power \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ control.”
   2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - “I die daily . . . least among all the apostles.”
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ priorities. The devil takes the way I’m made and turns it against the way you’re made because we don’t see things the same way.
   1. Another word for “priority” is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   2. We believe in our ministry so much we think our ministry ought to be the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ priority in the church.
   3. What would a one-hundred-piece puzzle look like if all one hundred pieces looked exactly like one piece? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   4. How effective would this church be if everyone had the same ministry as mine?

“All together the links make the chain,

All together the cents make the dollar,

All together the bricks make the wall,

All together the shingles make the roof,

All together Christians can do great things.”

*Helping believers* g*row* ***together*** *in Him through love and forgiveness.*

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# Today’s Subject: When Togetherness Becomes Real Togetherness

* “Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” (James Cash Penney)
* Acts 2:44 - “and all who believed were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
* Ephesians 4:3 - “endeavor (the Greek word *spoudazo* means to do our best or work hard) to keep the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ created by the Holy Spirit in the bond of peace.”

*Four essential types of togetherness:*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ togetherness.
   1. The Greek work *hypertasso* speaks of submission in the sense of a voluntary yielding of ourselves in love to someone else.
   2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ took a back seat to Elijah!
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ togetherness.
   1. “Let all things be done \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” (1 Cor. 14:40)
   2. Each one of us has a role in this church.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ togetherness.
   1. Doctrine is similar to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of your body.
   2. Ephesians, Galatians, Philippians, and Colossians: The first half of those books is dedicated to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – to what you must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The second half of those books is dedicated to how you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It would be horrible to be sincere about the wrong belief!
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ togetherness.
   1. Was the early church inclusive or exclusive? (Circle one.)
   2. Which plant best represents your personality? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   3. Did you identify anyone today whom you can help? \_\_\_\_\_\_

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# Today’s Subject: How to Be an Effective Co-Worker with God

* My job title is “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God.”
* Jesus said, “Take My \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ upon you! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ get in one side, and I will get in the other side, and we’ll work together!”

*Four Secrets To Being An Effective Co-Worker:*

1. Sow yourself in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. The first words of the Matthew 13 parable are, “Behold, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
   2. “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into his harvest.” (Matthew 9:36-37)
   3. “He who goes out weeping, bearing the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.” (Psalm 126:5-6)
   4. “Go ye into all the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and preach the gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15)
   5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ positive can happen without \_\_\_\_\_\_ sowing!
2. Sow the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. “My Word shall not return to Me void or empty. My Word will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ whatever I please!” (Isaiah 55:11)
3. Sow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seed.
   1. Some seed will not produce but God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ some seed will produce.
   2. Result #1 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ minded hearer.
   3. Result #2 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ minded hearer. Emotions are much more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than faith! Faith goes deep!
   4. Result #3 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ minded hearer.
   5. Result #4 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ minded hearer.
4. Sow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a harvest. “They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.” (Psalm 126)
   1. What is a hundredfold return?
   2. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_% return on investment.

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# Today’s Subject: Where Togetherness Becomes Heavenly Togetherness – Part 1

* “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
* This Subject is not about “how to get togetherness” or “what is togetherness” but “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is togetherness?”
* True spiritual togetherness is both a vertical and horizontal relationship. It is with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* This togetherness comes from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ itself!

*Three Errors In Our View Of Togetherness:*

1. We are spiritually together because we are united in an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. A well-written church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will bring spiritual togetherness.
3. Togetherness is the result of us being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the same church.

**DEFINITION:** Spiritual togetherness must be rooted in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*What Is Heavenly Togetherness?*

1. We have the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lives in me! (Galatians 2:20)
   2. We are members of His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Ephesians 5:30)
   3. Just as the cookie is now being absorbed into the body, we have been vitally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the life of Jesus Christ!
   4. No one can say, “I have more of Jesus than you do.”
2. We have the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. “Jesus Christ has been appointed to be the head over all things to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” (Ephesians 1:22)
   2. We’re like the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_; Jesus is like the Head.
3. We have the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. God has made everything available which is necessary to do the work of God.
   2. All of these blessings are located \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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# Today’s Subject: Where Togetherness Becomes Heavenly Togetherness – Part 2

* “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
* Being “in Christ” is like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (name) inside the ark!

*What Is Heavenly Togetherness?*

1. We have the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. Christ lives in me! (Galatians 2:20)
   2. We are members of His body. (Ephesians 5:30)
2. We have the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. “Jesus Christ has been appointed to be the head over all things to the church.” (Ephesians 1:22)
   2. We’re like the arm; Jesus is like the Head.
3. We have the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. God has made everything available which is necessary to do the work of God.
   2. All of these blessings are located in Christ.
4. We have the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. God sees all of us as having the same title and that title is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
   2. “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in heaven and on earth derives its name.” (Ephesians 3:14-15)
   3. We enjoy a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ relationship!
5. We have the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. I have the same anointing as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christian I know.
   2. “We were all made to drink of \_\_\_\_\_\_ Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 12:13)
   3. Lord means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; Jesus means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; Christ means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. We have the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. God sees us as already being in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sees us as already being invincible.
   3. Sin sees us as no longer being under its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   4. The world sees us as belonging to another \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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# Today’s Subject: The Teeter-Totter of Success

* There are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rooms in God’s Greenhouse that must be mastered by the sower.
* 1 Corinthians 12, 13, and 14 form a teeter-totter! You must include all three chapters in your own sowing ministry in order for your ministry to be truly effective.

*Keys To An Effective Sowing Ministry*

1. An effective sowing ministry begins with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a place for teaching, study and, learning.
   2. Chapter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ represents the classroom experience.
   3. Chapter twelve is the classroom where we learn what God has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We sow that ministry in others!
   4. Everyone is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus.
   5. This special ability is called a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   6. Whatever I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at is what I need to do for Jesus.
   7. We receive this spiritual gift when God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ made the decision about my spiritual gift.
   9. My ministry will be a ministry worth sowing in the lives of the people I meet!
2. An effective sowing ministry requires a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. A laboratory is a place where you put your learning into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Chapter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ represents the laboratory experience.
5. God has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for everyone to follow. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ are like guard rails to keep me from hurting the ministry.
6. An effective sowing ministry is completed with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. The purpose of a hallway is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rooms.
   2. Our hallway is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   3. Chapter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ joins the classroom with the laboratory. It makes our sowing ministry worthwhile!

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# Today’s Subject: Where Love Begins But Does Not End

* “My beloved friends, let us continually love one another with an *agape*, selfless kind of love. This kind of *agape* love originates with God. Everyone who loves in this selfless way is born again of God and knows God in daily experience. The one who does not love in this way does not know God because God Himself is love.” (1 John 4)
* “Through the action of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one another all men shall know you are my disciples.” (John 13:35)
* Love and forgiveness are not only an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but they are also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*What’s Love Got To Do With It? Everything!*

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of love.
   1. “Love is of God” is another way of saying love \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from God.
   2. God Himself is the *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* of love. He is the *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* of love. Without Him, there is no love!
   3. All of creation loves because He loved first!
2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of love.
3. The word *distort* has the idea of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ something from its original meaning.
4. Sin *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* the arrow. Sin twisted or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_the arrow.
5. The devil has distorted love into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Lust can exist at the same time that you are “hating one another.” That means lust is not love!
6. The devil has distorted love for others into love for \_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. The devil has distorted love for the opposite sex into love for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sex.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of love.
   1. The only way we can have this supernatural love for one another is if the God of love \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts.
   2. True love is God loving \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through us!

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# Today’s Subject: What It Means to Love Like God

* 1 John 4:7, “My beloved friends, let us continually love one another with an *agape*, selfless kind of love. This kind of *agape* love comes from God or more literally originates with God as its source.”
* 1 John 4:19, “We love because He first loved us.”
* John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”
* Are you a believer? YES NO

*What God Does And Wants Us To Do!*

1. God loves a world of less than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ humanity – so can I.
   1. We are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (verse six).
   2. We are also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (verse six).
   3. We are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (verse eight). The Greek word *harmartia* means “missing the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
   4. We are God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (verse ten).
2. God loves the world enough to give it His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – so can I.
   1. No one is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the cross!
   2. Jesus preached a “whosoever will” gospel!
   3. God has called me to love \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as God has loved me.
   4. God is love, and He wishes to reproduce that love in our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through the Holy Spirit!
3. God loves the world with an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ love – so can I.
4. There are only two kinds of people in the world: enemies of God and reconciled to God. TRUE FALSE
5. God’s love for His enemies will stop at the grave. TRUE FALSE
6. From the cradle to the grave Jesus loved people!
7. We can keep loving others if we stay focused on the *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* of the individual rather than the *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* of the individual!
8. The value of every individual:
   * \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   * \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   * \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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# Today’s Subject: L-O-V-E Can Be Spelled J-E-S-U-S

* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Greek *agape*) chapter of the Bible is 1 Corinthians 13.
* When we think of love and what love is, can we also think of you? \_\_\_\_\_\_

*What Does Love Accomplish?*

1. The love of Jesus knows how to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. The greatest problem in churches is people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with one another.
   2. God says He can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my nature by filling me with His love!
   3. Exceedingly patient - Do I realize how patient God is with me? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Am I patient with those to whom it is difficult to minister? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Have I tried to be understanding? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Am I patient with others as I expect them to be with me? \_\_\_\_\_\_
   4. Kind - Do I unconsciously wear a smile or a frown? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Do I look for opportunities to help others? \_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Not envious - “All I need in life is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through it.” Have I thought that God does not love me? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Am I jealous of another’s success, money, good looks, or popularity? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Do I grieve at the prosperity of others? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Have I spent more time in envying others than in an attempt to improve myself? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Have I ever wanted someone to die? \_\_\_\_\_\_
3. The love of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our superiority complex.
   1. We have a basic need for something called significance.
   2. Love changes my relationship to my own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ being.
   3. Not boastful or puffed up - Have I talked too much, especially about myself? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Do I realize that boasting is often a sign of inner weakness and insecurity? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Have I refused to admit when I was wrong? \_\_\_\_\_\_ How often do I use the word “I”? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Must I always be in the limelight? \_\_\_\_\_\_
   4. Behaves properly - Love is always a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Have I been vulgar and crude in actions and conversations? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Have I purposely disobeyed the normal rules of courtesy? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Do I enjoy making fun of other people? \_\_\_\_\_\_
   5. Seeks not its own benefit - Have I acted like a spoiled child? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Do I fail to consider the needs and desires of others? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Do I try to work deals for my advancement? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Do I camouflage my own desires as the needs of others? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Must I win every time? Am I a poor loser? \_\_\_\_\_\_
4. The love of Jesus conquers the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. Love (Jesus) changes us on the outside, changes us on the inside, then strengthens us in our battle with sin!
   2. Not irritable - The devil will make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that conflicts arise in my Christian life. Are my feelings easily hurt? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Am I touchy? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Do I become resentful when things don’t go my way? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Do I lose my temper to cover up my own weakness? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Do I justify losing my temper by saying it makes me feel better, but forget the effect upon other people? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Do I let little inconveniences and annoyances irritate me? \_\_\_\_\_\_
   3. Thinks no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Am I always trying to find faults and imperfections in other people? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Am I suspicious of other people? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Do I throw cold water on others’ enthusiasm? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Is my pessimism really resentment and envy? \_\_\_\_\_\_
   4. No rejoicing in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   5. Rejoices in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Do I try to degrade others to elevate myself? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Do I tease to belittle people? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Have I ever been glad at the misfortunes of others? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Am I happy to hear others speak ill of someone I do not like? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Have I engaged in or encouraged gossip? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Do I have a “get-even” attitude when others do me wrong? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Can I laugh at my mistakes when I know I am wrong? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Do I grieve and resolve not to repeat the same mistakes? \_\_\_\_\_\_
5. The love of Jesus is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by circumstances.
   1. Bears all things – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ covers a multitude of sins!
   2. Believes all things - You can’t be full of love and full of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the same time!
   3. Endures all things - Do I try to see some good in every person? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Am I willing to make allowances for small mistakes? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Do I do my best or am I content with mediocrity? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Do I hold grudges?

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# Today’s Subject: The Fundamentals of Forgiveness

* Forgiveness is the missing piece in the puzzle of successful relationships.
* Alexander Pope: “To err is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to forgive, divine.”
* We must know how to forgive, so we don’t ever lose the people we love so very much.

*How To Forgive – Part 1*

1. What is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
   1. The Greek word *aphesis* means to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as in the sense the debt is no longer attached to you.
   2. The Greek word *charizomai* has the idea of “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ providing forgiveness.”
   3. You are either \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_% forgiven or you are not forgiven.
   4. Forgiveness has the idea of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a wrong so the wrong can never come back to haunt you.
   5. Corrie ten Boom: “Forgiveness is an act of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart.”
   6. Forgiveness IS or IS NOT an action based upon our emotions.
2. On what basis does \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ forgive?
   1. God forgives for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sake.
   2. Christ lived a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life.
   3. Christ did what He was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to do.
   4. Christ offered a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice.
   5. Christ rose from the dead as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fruits of the new creation.
3. How \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ does God forgive when He saved me?
   1. When God saves you, He forgives \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of your sin.
   2. In John 13, salvation is described as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It pictures a complete, once-for-all cleansing from sin. Daily cleansing is described as washing your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   3. I only ask \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the forgiveness of salvation, but I have asked \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of times for the forgiveness of my daily sins!
   4. My daily sins hinder my fellowship with the Lord but have no effect upon my salvation.
4. What is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of forgiveness?
   1. C. S. Lewis: “To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.”
   2. Forgiving others begins with our remembering how much we have been forgiven!
   3. God forgave us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than we will ever need to forgive anyone.

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# Today’s Subject: How to Set the Prisoners Free

* Everyone faces issues in life which help shape our character. One of the most important issues is in the area of forgiveness.
* (CIRCLE THE ANSWER) Would I rather attend a forgiving church or an unforgiving church? Would I rather attend a loving church or an unloving church?

*How To Forgive – Part 2*

1. Do I want reconciliation or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
   1. Jesus said, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your enemies and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ those who curse you.” (Matthew 5:44)
   2. The way of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ chooses reconciliation; the way of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ chooses to get even.
2. Will an unforgiving spirit affect my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life?
   1. “Husbands, treat your wives \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so your prayers to God will not be hindered.” (1 Peter 3:8)
   2. There are plenty of issues upon which people can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *without being disagreeable*.
3. How can I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a forgiving spirit?
   1. Martin Luther King, Jr.: “Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attitude.”
   2. Rank your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in comparison to Christ’s suffering on the cross.
   3. Count your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before you count your curses!
   4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your prayer time with a prayer for the offender.
   5. Pray every day for a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ spirit.
   6. A forgiving spirit is often made possible by a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ spirit!
4. What happens if I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ forgive?
   1. Luke 15’s story is about the prodigal son and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brother.
   2. The elder brother is the person who thinks the church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him something.
   3. Jesus said, “If you forgive people for what they do wrong to you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you don’t forgive people, your Father will not forgive what you do wrong.” (Matthew 6:14-15)
   4. When you forgive someone who has injured you, you actually set \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prisoners free. The first prisoner is the person who has offended you. The second prisoner is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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# Today’s Subject: A Dog’s Sermon about Forgiveness

* Forgiveness is the key to maintaining a good relationship with everyone I love including my spouse, children, friends, and especially, my church.

*How To Forgive – Part 3*

1. What happens if I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
   1. Galatians 6:1 – “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ such a one in the spirit of meekness or gentleness.”
   2. Restore = Greek *katarizo* = English artisan = an expert at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or renewing an object to its original design.
   3. We have been called to a ministry of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people or restoring people.
2. What happens if I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and ask for forgiveness?
   1. I have honored my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by doing what He told me to do.
   2. I have honored myself by doing what I know is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   3. I have honored the process by doing the only thing I can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Can forgiveness be experienced in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ situation?
   1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ represents the most difficult situation of all time for forgiveness to take place.
   2. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ said, “Lord, remember me!”
4. Does forgiveness require mentally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
   1. Forgiveness means practically forgetting.
   2. Covered sin = forgiven sin = settled sin!
   3. Forgiveness is an act of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. How \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should I forgive?
   1. Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   2. We can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ forgiving others only if Christ stops forgiving us.
6. What happens if the offender does not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
   1. Don’t begin an apology with the two-letter word \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   2. Reconciliation occurs when an apology is offered, and the apology is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. How can I forgive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? C. S. Lewis: “I think that if God forgives us, we must forgive ourselves. Otherwise, it is almost like setting up ourselves as a higher tribunal than Him.”
   1. First, face the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   2. Second, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your direction and seek God’s forgiveness.
   3. Third, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your life upon God’s forgiveness.
8. How should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ handle being sinned against?
   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your responsibility as the injured party to seek reconciliation by making the offender aware of what he has done.
   2. Most likely the offender will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The matter is settled.
   3. If the problem persists, take two or three \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and try again.
   4. If the problem persists, take the matter to God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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