

Series: A Fresh Look @GFBC through the Lens of Acts 2

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Sermon: No Strangers @GFBC
Acts 2:42-47

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Core value: Relationship-oriented

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What did they quickly become? Family

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How do strangers become family and estranged family get back to being family?

The one another's in the Bible.

Working on making strangers to become family: It starts with me!

✓ Which one another(s) best applies here?

How will the new shepherding oversight help strangers to become family?

Dinners for 8, 10

How could I become more hospitable (love of strangers), especially during the holidays?

Working on eliminating estrangement: It starts with me!

✓ Which one another(s) best applies here?

If I am feeling like a stranger, or if I am feeling estranged, what should I do?

If I sense that someone is a stranger or is feeling estranged, what should I do?

Statements from the Bible in how we can develop community/relationship with each other.

1. **Love** one another: John 13:34-35; 15:12; 15:17; Romans 13:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10; 1 Peter 1:22; 4:8; 1 John 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11, 12; 2 John 5
Abound in love to one another: 1 Thessalonians 3:12; 2 Thessalonians 1:3
2. **Be devoted** to one another: Romans 12:10a
3. **Honor** one another: Romans 12:10b
4. **Be of the same mind** toward one another: Romans 12:16 (cp. Romans 15:5)
5. **Build up** one another: Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11b
6. **Accept/receive** one another: Romans 15:7
7. **Teach** one another: Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16
8. **Greet** one another (with a holy kiss/ kiss of love): Romans 16:16a; 1 Corinthians 16:20b; 2 Corinthians 13:12; 1 Peter 5:14
9. **Have equal care/concern** for one another: 1 Corinthians 12:24-25
10. **Serve** one another: Galatians 5:13; 1 Peter 4:10
11. **Bear the burdens** of one another: Galatians 6:2
12. **Put up with** one another: Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13a
13. **Be kind and compassionate** to one another: Ephesians 4:32a; 1 Thessalonians 5:15
14. **Forgive** one another: Ephesians 4:32b; Colossians 3:13b
15. **Submit** to one another: Ephesians 5:21
16. **Consider more important** one another than yourself: Philippians 2:3
17. **Look out for the interests** of one another: Philippians 2:4
18. **Have Spirit-filled speech** toward one another: Ephesians 5:18-19
19. **Comfort/Encourage/Exhort** one another: 1 Thessalonians 4:18; 5:11; Hebrews 3:13; 10:25
20. **Spur** one another to love and good deeds: Hebrews 10:24
21. **Confess your sins** to one another/ pray for each other: James 5:16
22. **Be hospitable** to one another: 1 Peter 4:9
23. **Be humble** towards one another: 1 Peter 5:5
24. **Be at peace** with one another: Mark 9:50 (cp. Romans 12:18)
25. **Wash** one another's feet: John 13:14

Assignments:

Call one person this week and see how they are doing, find out how you can pray for them and offer to pray.

Find someone at GFBC and spend at least 15 minutes with them (longer is better!) and learn the following things about them. Hopefully you will share the same with them!

1. Their full name.
2. The names of their spouse and children, or parents.
3. Their favorite hobby or recreational activity.
4. A personal strength they have.
5. A personal weakness they have.
6. The name of a person they have led to Christ or is trying to lead to Christ.
7. An area of sin with which they struggle.
8. An area where they have experienced personal deliverance or victory through God working in their life.
9. Learn a prayer request that you can pray for. Pray together if possible