Weekly Bible Reading - August 2019

The readings this month will focus on the "one another" passages in the New Testament. We are people who have been called to walk with one another in Christ to help each other in our journey. The "one another" passages will challenge us if we take them seriously.

//Aug 4// - Love One Another

John 13:34-35 - We are commanded to love as Christ has loved us.
Romans 13:8 - We will always have the obligation or responsibility to love each other - it never ends.
1 John 3:11, 23 - Love is a command we have had from the beginning.
1 Peter 4:8 - Love each other deeply.

- How well are you loving your brothers in Christ?
- How do we square "love" as a command or an obligation?
- How does the nature of God and Christ influence how well you love others?
- Are you loving your brothers and sisters deeply? Can you identify ways that demonstrate you are loving deeply?

//Aug 11// - Encourage One Another

1 Thessalonians 5:11 - We are to encourage each other in such a way that we build each other up.
Hebrews 10:24-25 - We are to encourage each other and to motivate each other to love and good works.
Romans 1:12 - We are encouraged when we wee genuine faith in each other.

- Who have you encouraged in their walk with God lately?
- When you come to services on Sunday, are you simply coming to worship God or do you also come to motivate someone to love and good deeds?
- Can you identify someone whose faith has recently been an encouragement to you? Have you told that person?

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//Aug 18// - Forgive & Do Not Judge One Another

Ephesians 4:32 - Forgive each other as God has forgiven us.
Col 3:13 - Forgive any grievance you may have using the Lord as your example.
Romans 14:13 - We are to stop passing judgement on one another.
James 4:11 - We are warned about slandering and judging each other.

- Lets' admit it, forgiving someone who has wronged us is one of the most difficult things we are called to do as followers of Jesus. When we feel we are int he right and someone has wronged us we can feel justified in our unloving/unforgiving attitude. Is there someone you need to forgive, but are having a tough time doing so?
- God is our example of how to forgive. God did not wait until we had our lives together to forgive us - rather he made the first step. Will you make that first step in seeking to forgive someone who needs it from you - using God as your example?
- Judgement is closely linked to our resistance to forgive someone who has wronged us. Again, judgement and slander come from a proud heart that is concerned with self rather than concerned with concerned about my brother who needs forgiveness. What is keeping you from forgiving that person who needs it from you?

//Aug 25// - Various One Another Passages to Consider & Practice

Romans 12:16 & 1 Peter 3:8 - Live in harmony with one another.
Romans 15:7 - Accept one another just as Christ has accepted us.
Eph 4:2 - We are called to bear with one another in love.
Eph 5:21 - We are called to submit to one another.
1 Peter 4:9 - We are instructed to offer hospitality to one another.
James 5:16 - We are called to confess our sins to one another.
Gal 6:2 - We are called to carry each other's burdens.

- Which one of these one another passages are difficult for you?
- Which ones are easy for you to practice?