

10 Commandments of Love

Be Humble

Romans 12:16

February 5, 2017

1. This week, Pastor Jim wrapped up the series on the *10 Commandments of Love*. Take a moment and reflect or share what the series has been like for you. What have been some highlights? challenges?
2. This week's commandment is found in Romans 12:16. Pastor Jim stated that much of Romans and the previous commands have tackled the fight between pride and humility and that this final one stresses and infuses all the previous commands. How might this be so? How can pride be the "death" of relationships?
3. The book of James gave us a good example of what Paul was talking about. Take a moment to read James 2:1-5 and discuss how this might tie into Paul's words from Romans 12:16. What other practical examples could we use to explain the command?
4. Pastor Jim pointed out that when people feel like they are viewed or treated differently based on choices they've made in past, their heritage, their level of talent or ability (and other such reasons) it can harm or damage relationships. Most of us have experienced this or have sadly done this to another. How did it make you feel? How do you think it made the other person feel? Do we see this happening in our churches today? How?
5. Pastor Jim talked about what being "conceited" means. He explained it as "being wise to one's own eyes, using ourselves as the standard by which we evaluate others." He contrasted such thinking with a verse from Philippians 2:1-11 and the example of Jesus. Take some time and read this section of scripture. Share how we see Paul's words and Jesus' example as a practical example of what Romans 12:16 calls us to.
6. Pastor Jim challenged us by pointing out that Jesus, who is in every way too good for us, didn't consider himself too good for us. Yet we who are the same as every other human, find ways to live as if we were better than others. That we have a reason or excuse to not love and associate with those different from us. To combat this we must take on the same heart and attitude Jesus had, one based in humility and submission. Where might God be calling you to engage in this in your life? What relationships or opportunities exist for you right now to be Jesus to someone?
7. Take some time to reflect on the series, encourage each other and close in prayer asking God to strengthen our resolve and spur us on to action.