



# Connect Groups

## Week of June 23rd, 2019

### Christian Relationships

1.) In his second letter, which was written to a lady, John wrote:... "And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we \_\_\_\_\_"

honor and serve one another with all diligence.      give generously of our time and possessions.  
pray for one another that we shall be healed.      walk after his commandments.

2.) Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall \_\_\_\_\_ if ye have love one to another."

ye enter at the strait gate      ye fulfill all the law and the commandments  
all men know that ye are my disciples      many be brought to faith and repentance

3.) Jesus said, "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man \_\_\_\_\_"

lay down his life for his friends.      wash the feet of his friends.  
share his food with the poor.      pray for his friends when they need him.

4.) To the Romans Paul wrote: "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour \_\_\_\_\_ one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."

blessing      preferring  
baptizing      referring to

5.) The writer to the Hebrews said, "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to \_\_\_\_\_ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

pray for the sick so that they may be healed.      provoke unto love and to good works.  
bless and honor one another.      provide for the necessity of the saints.

6.) In his first letter, John wrote, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love \_\_\_\_\_"

one another.      the despicable.  
the elders and leaders.      everyone.

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."  
**Ephesians 4:2-3**

7.) To the Romans Paul wrote, "Now the God of hope fill you with \_\_\_\_\_ in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another."

- perseverance and longsuffering                      all joy and peace
- completeness    tolerance

8.) To the Galatians, Paul wrote, "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; \_\_\_\_\_"

- thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart.                      an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.
- thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.                                      thou shalt not return evil for evil.

9.) The writer to the Hebrews said, "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through \_\_\_\_\_"

- exhaustion.    discouragement.
- the deceitfulness of the devil.                      the deceitfulness of sin.

10.) To the Colossians Paul wrote, "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye \_\_\_\_\_"

- kind to one another.                                      thankful.
- merciful.    long suffering.

**How did you do in with quiz? More important than having the knowledge, is how we apply that knowledge. How many of these relationship attributes do you show in your daily life?**

1. walk after his commandments. (2John 1:5-6) 2. all men know that ye are my disciples (John 13:34-35) 3. lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:12-13 4. preferring (Romans12:10-11) 5. provoke unto love and to good works. (Hebrews 10:23-25) 6. one another. (1 John 4:10-11) 7. all joy and peace. (Romans 15:13-14) 8. thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. (Galatians 5:13-14) 9. the deceitfulness of sin. (Hebrews 3:12-13 10. (thankful Colossians 3:15)

**Answer Key**



## Week of June 23rd, 2019 Daily Devotions

### Day 1— Serving allows us to discover and develop our spiritual gifts.

**1 Corinthians 12.** Just like our bodies are made of many parts serving specific functions, the church is made up of people with different skills and abilities. Alone these pieces aren't very useful, but together we create something beautiful.

### Day 2—Serving allows us to experience miracles.

**John 2.** Jesus was at a wedding and the couple was running out of wine for its guests. He tells the servants to fill several big jars to the brim. When they served the water to the guests, it was wine! The guests never knew what happened; the servants were the ones who witnessed the miracle. The same is true for us when we serve.

### Day 3—Serving allows us to experience the joy and peace that comes from obedience.

**1 Peter 4:10-11.** Serving is a form of worship, a way to express gratitude for what Jesus has done for us, and to share the love and grace we've been given.

### Day 4— Serving helps us to be more like Jesus.

**Matthew 25:40.** We shift our focus off of ourselves onto others through serving. We begin to see others as Jesus sees them. And we see Jesus IN others!

### Day 5— Serving surrounds us with other Christians who can help us follow Jesus.

**Hebrews 10:24-25.** When we're working side by side with other people, a bond inevitably forms. This was part of God's plan for how the church is supposed to work. That's why he instructs us to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another."

### Day 6—Serving increases our faith.

**Ephesians 3:20.** As we move out of our comfort zones, God increases our faith by revealing new potential — in ourselves and in His Church. When we see what He can do when His power is at work within us, we begin looking for the doors He's opening rather than pushing our way through the one's He's closed

### Day 7— Serving allows us to experience God's presence in new ways.

**Philippians 2:5-7.** Studies have shown that volunteering is so good for the mind and body that it can ease symptoms of stress and depression. Tapping into our gifts and passions builds self-confidence, energy, and strength. Serving others can also be the best distraction from our own worries.