

## Discipleship-Focused Relationships

Nick Parker | 12/29/2024 | Mark 3:13-14, Luke 8:1, Acts 4:13

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1. Do you make New Year's resolutions? Why or why not?
2. Read Mark 3:13-14, Luke 8:1, and Acts 4:13, in multiple translations. Notice the phrase or idea of being "with Jesus" in each. Why do you think discipleship-focused relationships were so important to Jesus?
3. Read Acts 2:41-47, 4:31-37, 1 Corinthians 11:1, and 2 Timothy 2:2. How did the early church live out these discipleship-focused relationships? Why is that important?
4. Of the 3 discipleship-focused relationships mentioned in the sermon: 1) with the Lord, 2) within the body of Christ, and 3) outside the body of Christ - Which are you doing well with, and which needs to improve? How will you prioritize these in the coming year?
5. Nick mentioned the importance of being "intentional, relational, and missional." What stands out to you about these words? How are you doing with them in your relationships? What needs to change or improve? Think both individually and as a group.
6. Pastor Adam organized the "one anothers" into 5 categories (see *next page*): Love, Unity, Encouragement, Grace, and Service. Which of these types of "one anothering" comes most naturally to you, and which do you have to work at?

# “One Anothers”

The Greek word “*allelon*” means “one another” and is used 100 times in the New Testament. Here are some examples:

## Love

- Love one another (John 13:34)
- Be devoted to one another (Romans 12:10)
- Speak the truth in love as members of one another (Ephesians 4:15, 25)
- Be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32)
- Greet one another (Romans 16:16)

## Unity

- Live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16)
- Be like-minded towards one another (Romans 15:5)
- Accept one another (Romans 15:7)
- Honor one another above yourselves (Romans 12:10)
- Consider others better than yourselves (Philippians 2:3)
- Look to the interests of one another (Philippians 2:4)
- Confess your faults to one another (James 5:16)

## Encouragement

- Build up one another (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Admonish one another (Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16)
- Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19)
- Teach one another (Colossians 3:16)
- Encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Exhort one another (Hebrews 3:13)
- Motivate one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24)

## Grace

- Share one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2)
- Make allowance for the faults of one another (Colossians 3:13)
- Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:2, 32; Colossians 3:13)
- Be patient with one another (Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13)
- Dress yourselves with humility towards one another (1 Peter 5:5)

## Service

- Care for one another (1 Corinthians 12:25)
- Serve one another (Galatians 5:13)
- Comfort one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18)
- Submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21, 1 Peter 5:5)
- Use the gifts that God has given you for the benefit of one another (1 Peter 4:10)
- Show hospitality to one another (1 Peter 4:9)
- Pray for one another (James 5:16)