LEVEL UP Mutual Affection

We've spent a lot of time exploring some of the amazing things God has made available to us in Jesus Christ. Making anything amazing happen on our own is a different story, though. We're going to need to make changes and be with people who can support and love us in our pursuit of Christ. This week, we will focus on bringing some "mutual affection" into our growth game.

Day 1 Read John 17

What does this prayer reveal to us about Jesus' heart? What is the one thing He wants most for His followers? How do you understand the word "unity?" How does the church struggle with maintaining unity? What would it take for this prayer to come to fruition?

Day 2 Read Romans 14

The church in Rome was experiencing a lot of division, particularly around religious beliefs ethnic issues. According to this passage, what are some of the underlying issues driving these conflicts? What does this passage have to say about our shared life together? Who is someone you have a tendency to judge? How does this passage challenge you?

Day 3 Read Psalm 145

Verses 4-7 make this psalm very interesting in terms of the importance of our shared life together. What does it have to say to us about community? Who poured into you and led you to place your trust in God? Who are you and who can you pour into?





Day 4 Read Romans 15

What does verse 1 mean when it says "we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak?" Verse 5 is interesting. In your mind, what is the link between endurance, encouragement and "having the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had?" How does this passage encourage you?

Day 5 Read 1 Thessalonians 3

What does this chapter have to say about our shared life together? How does the example of our faith encourage one other? Who do you have in your life that lifts you up like this? Take some time today and let them know how much that means to you.

Day 6 Read 1 John 4:7-21

What is your favorite part of this passage? Why? How should "knowing and relying on God's love for us" and loving because "He first loved us" impact the way we love one another? How does this make loving others more challenging? How does it improve our love for one another?

Day 7 Read 1 Corinthians 13

According to Paul, love is the bridge into God's promised future (Verses 12-13). What does this say about the importance of our shared life together? How does Paul's definition of love challenge you? How does it encourage you?