

## One Another – Christian Community – Week 1

### Truth

#### **An Introduction**

These lessons will concentrate on applying the “one another” principles within the context of community and the application of the gospel in our relationships. So the issue is not simply our own relationship with Christ, but the impact of the gospel wherever we live and how we interact with the body of Christ.

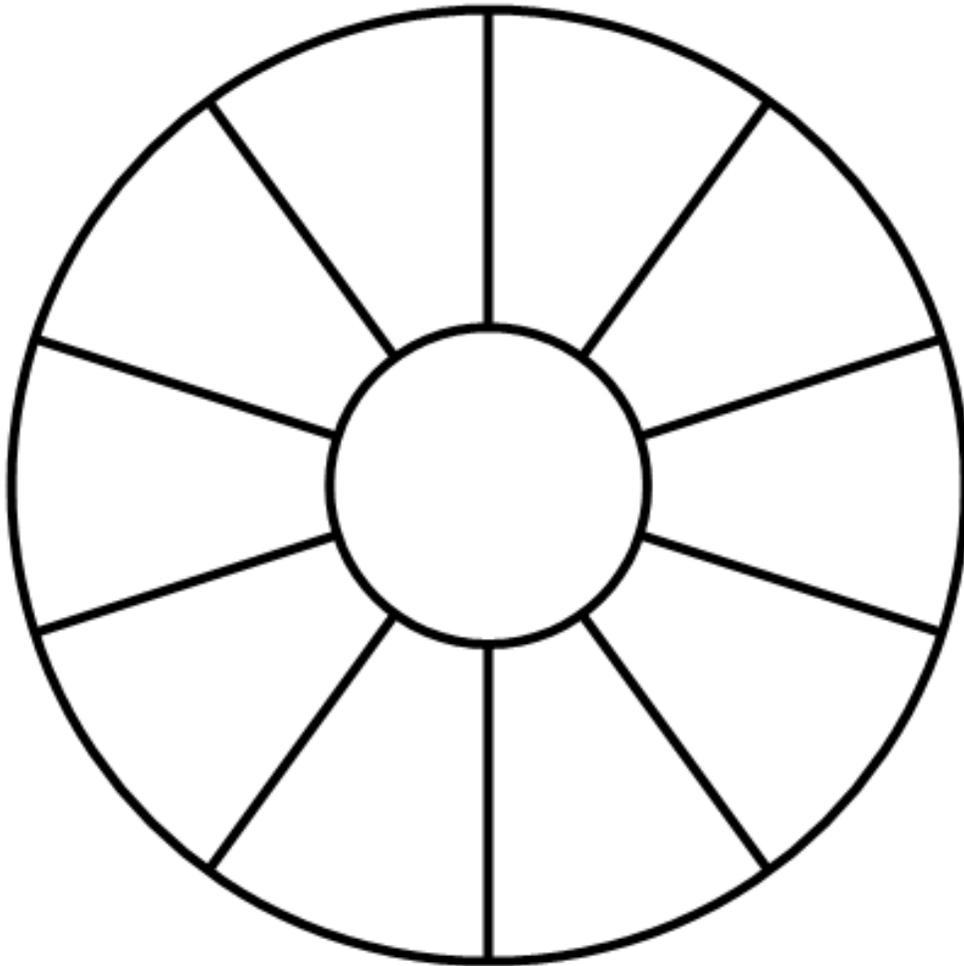
The logo for “*One Another*” is the aspen tree. While aspens look unconnected above ground, standing on their own, they are all connected below through their root system. Aspen trees reproduce with suckers sprouting from existing root systems and can encompass large areas. In American society, the goal and dream has become independence. Even when we work with the poor, the goal is to make them independent, just like we are. True, biblical community, however, requires interdependence. Community or *One Another* is like an organism based on a web of interdependence (Prior, 192).



#### **A Call to Consider Others above Yourself**

Read Philippians 2:1-4 “So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

As those in the body of Christ are all connected, so the *One Another* practices are connected like rungs on a wheel. Between the rungs of the wheel write down the *One Another* statements you can think of. We will see that the *One Another* statements are all held together, by loving one another.



## **Christian Community: One Another Principles**

### *Fellowship with One Another*

Acts 2:42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

### *Be devoted to and Honor One Another*

Rom 12:10 "Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

### *Accept One Another*

Rom 15:7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

### *Serve One Another*

Gal 5:13 You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

### *Bearing with One Another*

Eph 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Col 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

### *Forgive One Another*

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### *Be Kind and Compassionate to One Another*

Eph 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

### *Pray for One Another*

*Eph 6:18* Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

### *Admonish One Another*

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

### *Encourage One Another and Build each other up*

1Thes 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Heb 3:13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

### *Live in harmony with One Another*

1 Pet 3:8 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

#### Submit to One Another

Eph 5:21 Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

#### *Love One Another*

John 13:34-35 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

## **Equipping**

What is our motivation to be of the same mind, same love and of one accord (Philippians 2:1-4)?

What does it look like to live out the one another practices?

What negative attitudes (heart issues) keep us from this?

### **REPENT**

Where does this lesson show a need for a change of attitude or behavior, and/or your need for Christ?

### **BELIEVE**

What does this lesson invite you to believe about God and the redemptive work of Christ? What does this lesson invite you to believe about God's care for you?

### **FIGHT**

As you trust what you discovered above, how should you to live because of it and through it?

## **Accountability**

Before your time together, think about the questions below. You might be asked any of these questions and you may be asking them of one another during your time together. These questions will help you to examine your life in light of the truth you explored this week and allow each of you an opportunity to encourage each other. Space has been given below so that you may jot down any notes during the discussions in your meeting so that you may post on Facebook and other social media.

- What sins have you been struggling with that you need repent of?
- Where have you been repenting lately?
- Where in your life have you not been believing the gospel?
- Where in your life do you need to fight?
- What step have you been heavy footed in lately?

## **Mission**

Share briefly an update on how the relationship is going with the three people on your prayer tags.

What would the next step in one of these relationships look like? Each of you help brainstorm ways to further the relationship or take steps towards sharing the gospel.

In general, do you feel encouraged or discouraged in these three relationships?

How can practicing the 'one another's' within the body of Christ attract those outside the church?

## Supplication

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Phil 4:6-7*

Share your prayer requests with one another. Space is provided below to write them down. Use this to help remind you what to pray for each other during the week.

In addition there are a few questions to help you share requests.

What are your prayer requests regarding the truth this week?

In light of the discussion this week what do you need to pray for?

What are your prayer requests regarding any situations in your life this week?

Prayer requests from others in the group this week