

### Stand to the End: Genuine Care

Scripture reading: 1 Peter 2:4-5; Acts 6:1-7; Matthew 22:35-40; 1 Corinthians 12:25-27;  
Ephesians 4:11-13

#### **CHECK UP:**

\*Memory Work: Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. – Ephesians 4:25

\*Did you take any step in faithful accountability this week (either in being held accountable or holding someone else accountable)?

#### **OPEN:**

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- Did you B.L.E.S.S. someone this past week? (*Begin in prayer, Listen, Eat, Serve, Share*)

Go through each passage below and ask: **What do these passages say about genuinely caring for one another?** *Try and share some practical ways in which each passage can teach us to genuinely care for one another.*

**READ and ASK:** 1 Peter 2:4-5; Acts 6:1-7; Matthew 22:35-40; 1 Corinthians 12:25-27; Ephesians 4:11-13; Galatians 6:1-5, 10; Romans 12:5

- Which one of these passages challenges you the most? Why?
- How would you define “genuine care” in a biblically sound way?
- How does the great commission (Matthew 28:18-20) fit into or coincide with offering genuine care to one another? (*also see John 13:34-35, Acts 2:42-47*)
- Why is the individualistic idea of “just me and Jesus” not supported by the Bible?
- Why is Christianity not a “spectator sport”?
  - o In what ways can we easily fall into the trap of making Christianity a “spectator sport”?
  - o What are some practical ways we can combat this?

**APPLY:**

- **Read Romans 12:9-12:** What practical applications does this passage give us for genuinely caring for one another?
  - o Which proactive action do you need to most work on?
- Tell about a time when you have seen the church genuinely care for one another?
- NEXT STEP: At the conclusion of this series, which of the three values needs the most immediate attention from you? (*Biblical encouragement, faithful accountability, genuine care*)
  - o Which one does this group need to give most attention to?
  - o What actions can be taken?

Memory Work:

... there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. – 1 Corinthians 12:25

Next Week's Reading:

Colossians 1:1-14