

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM

People

November 18, 2018

Scripture:

Romans 12:9-21, Philippians 1, Colossians 3

Last Week:

We are stressed because we are so busy, because we are busy we are tired, we are tired, because we don't know how to rest. Last week's message was focused on the way we over commit ourselves. A lot of our commitments are good, even great, things, but we aren't feeling rested, because we have too much on us.

How did apply last weeks discussion on commitments in your life? What changes/steps did you take to put your focus on what is really most valuable?

Icebreaker:

As a child who was the troublemaker in your family? What did they do?

Who was the peacekeeper? How did they keep the peace?

Introduction:

As we head into Thanksgiving and Christmas, we are going to spending time with family. For some of us this is really exciting and refreshing, for others we got to prepare ourselves for what is going to happen. We go into our time together just hoping we don't say or do the wrong thing. Chad focused on dealing with the "hard to love" people and gave us some tools to think about.

Digging Deeper:

What stood out to you this week from the message?

Chad gave us four things we can do

- Love with intention effort
- Recognize that everyone has value and purpose
- Invite God to make the change
- Make Peace your target

Talk through each of these things on the list, in which area do you to focus on for this Thanksgiving?

Read Romans 12:9-21 again together as a group.

Which command from this passage do you find particularly helpful to you right now?

In the first part of the passage (v 9-13), how does love operate within the family of faith?

In the second part of the passage (v 14-21), how does love respond to those who are outside - maybe even hostile toward - the family of faith?

Of the commands listed in these verses, which two are easiest for you to keep?

Which two are the most difficult?

When you read "loving your enemies", what do you think?

- Nice, but unrealistic
- For Jesus and apostle Paul types only
- A result of following Christ

What relationship in your life most needs this lesson?

Challenge:

Take a moment in silence to ask for God's forgiveness, understanding, patience and power for this relationship.