

Word notes Sunday 4/10/09 – Tony Hodge
One Another

Summary (read this bit out to remind cell members what was said on Sunday)

Key Text: Jn 13:34,35

Paul and the other writers of the Epistles encouraged and exhorted the early church to behave in certain ways using the phrase “on another” – this is a reflection of their being a community, joined together in Christ. I collected these into three main headings: Loving one another, Greeting and Meeting one another and Building one another up.

Loving:

Ro 12:10, Ro 13:8, 1Pe 1:22, 1Jo 3:11, 1Jo 3:23, 2Jo 5, 1Jo 4:7, 1Jo 4:11, 1Jo 4:12

Greeting & Meeting:

Ro 16:16, 1Co 16:20, 2Co 13:12, 1Pe 5:14, Heb 10:25, 1Th 5:11, Heb 3:13, 1Pe 4:9, Ga 5:13, Eph 5:19, Eph 5:21, Heb 10:24.

Building:

Eph 4:2, Col 3:13, 1Pe 5:5, Eph 4:32, 1Pe 3:8, Ro 15:14, Col 3:16, Ro 14:13, Jas 4:11

These actions we are exhorted to are not a new set of rules but rather arise out of our new life in Christ. Christ himself gave a new commandment for the new age of grace (Jn 13:34,35) and also through his gift of the Holy Spirit age us the means to do these things without striving – see the Gifts as set out in Gal 5:22,23 to see how these actions are outcomes of the fruits of the Spirit.

Application (this is the bit where cell members get to participate. Lead discussions around these points)

Tony had us reading the passages of scripture to and over each other – a “one-another” action along the lines of Eph 5:19.

Which particular “one another” struck you the most and why.

Where can we practise these “one anothers”?

In one of these scriptures the writer encourages us to consider how to do something – which one? (Heb 10:24)

Let’s consider then: how can we spur one another on to love and good deeds? (Discuss)

Witness (this is the bit where the cell talks and prays about how to share the Good News)

How do the “one anothers” speak to non-Christians, how can they see them in action?