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  - ...provide opportunities for more meaningful \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Prayer *can* be praising, thanking, asking, or repenting...  
But it should *always* be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

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- 1) We cannot love GOD without also loving OTHERS
- 2) Our hope is not in our earthly accomplishments - but in the future, heavenly EXPECTATION!

**Tribulation and trials ...**

- ...are TEMPORARY
  - ...prove if our faith is GENUINE
  - ...provide opportunities for more meaningful PRAISE
- 3) Prayer *can* be praising, thanking, asking, or repenting...  
But it should *always* be YIELDING and ONGOING

- 4) Hospitality doesn't mean you have a big, clean HOUSE, it means you have a big, caring HEART

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- 5) We're not called to be FRIENDS with everyone - but we are called to be FRIENDLY with everyone.
- 6) Love is not a feeling. It's a CHOICE followed by an ACTION (1 Corinthians 13:1-8)

- 8) Use the following passage to help you define God's love for us in your own words:

God's love is...

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NLT** - "[4] Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud [5] or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. [6] It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. [7] Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance."

Using the passage above, how can you better love...

- ...your family?
- ...your friends?
- ...your neighbors?
- ...your enemies?

### TAKING IT HOME

- 9) Looking back at your notesheet and homework, what do you most need to put into practice this week?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- ▶ Pray for the persecuted church
- ▶
- ▶

## Life Group Homework For the week of March 13, 2022

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) This week, Paul gave us lots of application. Look back at Romans 12:10-16 and circle each of the things we're supposed to do as Christians.

**Romans 12:10-15** - "[10] Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; [11] not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; [12] rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; [13] distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. [14] Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. [15] Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep."

- 2) If you could only pick one, with which of these commands do you have the most room for improvement?

### REVIEW

- 3) Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching in Romans 12:10-21, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) This week, we were challenged to love others with a sincere love. What stands out to you from the following passage?

**John 13:34-35** - "[34] *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. [35] "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*"

Why do you think Jesus gives us such a difficult task?

5) What stands out to you from the following exhortations from Peter?

**1 Peter 1:13-19** - "[13] *Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; [14] as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; [15] but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, [16] because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." [17] And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; [18] knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, [19] but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."*

How does that passage encourage you to remain faithful to the end of your days?

6) Looking back at your notesheet, which bullet point do you most need to remember regarding Tribulation and Trials?

7) What stands out to you (or confuses you) in the following passage?

**1 Peter 2:21-25 NLT** - "[21] *For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps. [22] He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. [23] He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly. [24] He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed. [25] Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls."*

Imagine that you find out a co-worker has been spreading rumors and gossip about you behind your back. What would be your initial reaction? (Confront them, complain to others, pray for them, heap burning coals on them, etc)

Based on your answer above, what does that indicate about your heart? (Do you fear man's approval? Is there a lack of trust in God's timing/ways in God's vengeance? Is their pride driving you to "save face"? etc... try to be specific!)

Looking back at the 1 Peter passage above, what phrase(s) would most help you in the midst of this co-worker situation?