



Weekly Family Worship

Nov. 30, 2014

Theme: Brotherly Love

Our Point: Christians treat one another with brotherly love.

Read — Listen to God: Philemon 1-25

Strong, healthy relationships are very challenging, but also very rewarding. They are only rewarding, however, when the godly traits of brotherly love are exhibited among those involved. Paul's relationship with Philemon is a great example.

Worship — Praise to God.

Hold us Together — Matt Maher

You may go to YouTube.com, use a CD, or choose a different song.

Do — Walk with God.

Option 1: Sometimes loving our brothers and sisters in Christ requires admonition and correction. Sometimes, it is supporting a brother or sister's cause, just as Paul fought on the behalf of Onesimus. Loving our brothers and sisters also requires forgiveness and reconciliation—what Paul was asking of Philemon. Encourage your family to love their brothers and sisters in Christ. Have your family members think of a situation in their lives that requires them to love, and have them come up with a way they can show love. Pray with your family, asking for God's help in those situations.

Option 2: Discuss the following questions with your family, writing the answers down on a piece of paper:

- *What are the characteristics of healthy family relationships?* (Love, respect, compassion, encouragement, teamwork, unselfishness, sacrifice, kindness, protectiveness, fun, laughter, mercy, support, etc.)

- *Should these same traits be characteristic of relationships among believers?*

Pray — Talk to God.

While it is often neglected or overlooked, brotherly love is an important component of the local church. Pray for the various needs that families in your church might be facing. Pray that God would show you the best course of action in helping those families. Pray that you would be open to any opportunity to show love to those around you.

Pray for the Unreached...

Country: Guinea—Bissau

People: Bassari

Main Religion: Ethnic Religions

Christ-Followers: Few less than 2%

Status: Least-Reached

Bible: New Testament

Declare his glory among the nations. Psalm 96:3

Memorize — Meditate on God.

Philippians 4:4 — Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again: Rejoice!

This week in Sunday School...

Preschool

Today your child learned about the Osing (OH-sing) people from Indonesia on the island of Java. **The Osing People Are Special to God.** They have family feasts with fruit, music, and dancing. Your child learned the Osing people do not have a Bible written in the language they speak so they do not know about His love for them. He or she was encouraged to pray for them.

Elementary

Your student heard a monologue from a man role-playing Philemon. Paul wrote to Philemon asking him to receive Onesimus as a brother and show him love. Philemon learned Onesimus had become a believer in Jesus and he should choose to forgive him for a past incident and do as Paul had asked. Your student was encouraged to remember how much God loves us and, in turn, we are to show love to others. Your student also learned the Holy Spirit will help him or her grow to be more like Jesus.

Youth

Teens looked at how we should encourage, love, and forgive one another in the faith. They discussed the importance of building one another up as brothers and sisters in Christ. Affirm your teen for times he or she has done so.

How Should We Pray for Unreached People Groups?

Pray these same prayers for our City, County, State and Nation.

- **Pray for great outpouring of God's Spirit on the people group bringing conviction of sin!**
- **Pray for clear, biblical dreams and visions and revelations of Jesus drawing people to Him!**
- **Pray for powerful signs and wonders of healing, deliverance and miracles!**
- **Pray for great revival on the Church to cleanse, empower and send them out to the lost!**
- **Pray that God will send more workers into His harvest in obedience to Luke 10:2!**
- **Pray for great people movements to Christ and Church Planting Movements!**
- **Pray that new converts will be biblically disciplined and will grow in Jesus!**

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