

Honor, Recognition, and Reception

Sermon Questions

1. The church is most like a:
 - a. an exclusive club
 - b. a support group
 - c. a family
 - d. a once-a-week school
 - e. a social network
 - f. Other: _____

To be devoted to something means that much or all of a person's life is committed to that particular pursuit, purpose or cause.

2. Those who devote themselves to serving other Christians must demand that others be subject to them. (Yes/No)
3. What does it mean to subject yourself to devoted workers in the church? (Circle all that apply)
 - a. Listen carefully to what they say. We should learn from their counsel and instruction.
 - b. They should be decide how the church should be run.
 - c. We should honor and recognize their work for the Lord.
 - d. They should have their picture on the wall as people come into the church.
4. Giving people recognition always leads to pride, division, and robs God of his glory. (Yes/No)
5. Seeking recognition is wrong, giving or receiving recognition is not. (Yes/No)
6. Recognition should always be seen as a result of God's grace. (Yes/No)
7. Fill in the blanks: Jesus said, "By this all people will know that you are my _____, if you have _____ for one another" (John 13:35).
8. We're commanded to give one another a holy kiss when we meet. (Yes/No)
9. Love for Jesus and love for other Christians is a necessary and defining attribute of true Christians. (Yes/No)
10. If you love someone, you would never say or do anything to make them feel bad. (Yes/No)

Lunch Questions (Food for Thought)

Open your Bible, pick a partner, pick a question, and dig in!

1. Look through Romans 16 and make a list of reasons why different people received commendation and recognition. Bonus: Look at the last chapter of other epistles for more.
2. Read Philippians 2:19–30. What are some of the honorable characteristics of Timothy and Ephaphroditus? How does their behavior relate to the instruction given in Philippians 2:3–4?
3. Think of the different kinds of people we have in our congregation (singles, moms, seniors, etc.). What are some ways they can build up the body in love? (See Ephesians 4–5 for ideas.)

Heeding God's Word Today and This Week

"let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works"

1. **Today:** Consider how you can encourage a person or family in the church who has been faithful in laboring for the Lord. A phone call, email, or a chat after church are all ways we can encourage one another.
2. **This Week:** Meet a fellow church member for coffee (or before work or during lunch break) or give them a call. Read Philippians 2 together and ask them how you can pray for them to live for Christ and others this week. Pray for one another.