

# DISCUSSION NOTES

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## Love Your Neighbour

Ephesians 2:19-22 | *Care (Household to Household)* | Aug 9/20

### #1. Christians are Members of the Household of Believers.

Question: What comes to your mind when you read these words?

Question: What are the benefits of "membership"?

Question: What is the difference between Costco membership and what Paul is saying?

Read: Galatians 4:5

Read: 1 John 3:1

Question: What does adoption mean for a Christian?

Question: Why is hard to celebrate and appreciate the privilege of membership and adoption when not everyone has made those same decisions and receiving the same benefits?

Quote: GK Chesterton speaking about the value of this good news - "The moment a man ceases to pull against it he feels a tug towards it. The moment he ceases to shout it down he begins to listen to it with pleasure. The moment he tries to be fair to it, he begins to be fond of it."

### #2. Christians are Citizens of God.

Read: John 3:6 - That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Question: What is this citizenship? What does it mean for a Christian?

Answer: This involves purpose and provision while on earth, and the hope and promise of eternal life.

Read: Hebrews 13:14

Read: Phil 3:20

Question: Are you eagerly waiting the Lord's Return?

Question: Why is it hard to keep Christ's return a priority?

### **#3. Christians are to give priority to other members (Christians).**

Question: what does members being joined together and fit together mean to you?

Read: Galatians 6:10 - Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Question: In what way are Christian relationship different than the relationships non-Christians have?

Read: John 13:35

Question: In what ways do Christian relationships have the potential to model love?

Question: Do you find that many things are polarizing today?

Question: Why is polarization so dangerous?

Question: In what way does the gospel unite people?

Question: Why are these guidelines necessary for Christian and church health?

Answer: Always preserve unity in the local church. God wants His people protected, especially from the devastating damage that is caused by division, conflict, and disharmony.

-Christians are asked to be quick and diligent in clearing up any misunderstandings, or confessing and correcting any sins that we have committed

-Christians are to be zealous about guarding the reputations of our family members.

-We need to treat each other with respect and be considerate of each other.

-We see that Christian relationships are not to be passive, careless, heartless in our relationship with members of God's household. These are God ordained relationships that have names and great significance.

Read: 1 Peter 1:22

Read: Romans 10:9

Question: Why is this good news for non-Christians?