



THE ONE ANOTHERS

Bear With & Forgive One Another

Colossians 3:13
(Notes for leaders are in black)

BEAR WITH & FORGIVE: SECTION ONE

TAKEAWAY: We all have people in our lives who are difficult to “bear.”

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

- Romans 3:23

1. Can you think of a time when someone’s sin or selfishness has hurt you or caused you to pull back from them a bit?
2. Have you ever stopped being friends with someone because they were “a lot” or simply required too much energy or patience from you?

BEAR WITH & FORGIVE: SECTION TWO

TAKEAWAY: Understand the ongoing nature of bearing with someone and what sort of challenges we might face in doing so.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

- Colossians 3:13

3. What do you think it means to “bear with” someone?
4. At different times, for different reasons, do you think its true that everyone requires people to bear with them at some point? Why or Why not?
Help them see that, at various times and for various reasons, we all require grace and are difficult to bear with from time to time.
5. How is bearing with someone different, and perhaps more difficult, from forgiving someone?

Bearing with someone requires ongoing grace and forgiveness.

6. What kinds of things can prevent us from either bearing with or forgiving someone?

BEAR WITH & FORGIVE: SECTION THREE

TAKEAWAY: Often the best thing we can do to bear with others well is to realize all the times people been patient with us.

Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?

- Matthew 7:3-4

7. Looking back at your own life, have there been times when people have had to bear with you or forgive you? Anyone care to share one of those times?

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

- Ephesians 4:32

8. How can it be helpful to be reminded of the fact that God has forgiven us as we seek to find a path to forgiving others?

