

Healing Wounds

God, Help Us Unite: Part 1

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He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8 NASB

So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it.

1 Corinthians 12:26-27

Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer.

Share with the saints in their needs; pursue hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

Be in agreement with one another.

Do not be proud; instead, associate with the humble.

Do not be wise in your own estimation.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil.

Try to do what is honorable in everyone's eyes.

If possible, on your part, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:12-18

But a Samaritan on his journey came up to him, and when he saw the man, he had compassion. He went over to him and bandaged his wounds...

Luke 10:25-37

Being People Who Heal

1. Don't accept our culture's _____

Joshua approached Him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," He replied, "I have now come as commander of the LORD's army."

Joshua 5:13-14

2. Acknowledge _____ is real

3. _____

4. _____

"If...My people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

"I pray not only for these, but also for those who believe in Me through their message. May they all be one, as you, Father, are in Me and I am in You. May they also be one in Us, so the world may believe You sent Me."

John 17:20-21

5. _____ as Christ _____ us

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed the message of reconciliation to us.

2 Corinthians 5:19

Talk It Over With Someone

1. **How often do you get to listen to perspectives different from your own – from a real person?** (tv/podcasts/books count, but not quite as well)
2. **How can you make a point to pray regularly for justice, compassion, restoration, unity, and many other needs we have that only God can help us meet?**
3. **Have a conversation with someone whose story and background is different than your own and practice active listening – even if what they have to say might make you uncomfortable.**

** All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted*