

November 17th, 2019
Series: Spelling It Out Part 3
Gutsy Church

What comes to mind when you hear the word church?
What are some common negative connotations people have about church?

Colossians 3:12-18

Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

The literal translation of tenderhearted mercy is “Splanchna Oiktirmos” meaning a gut wrenching feeling of compassion for those who are suffering.

Is there an issue that you have this type of compassion for?

How can one develop it?

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

What are some misconceptions people have about what it means to forgive? What does it mean to forgive?

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

The word for “rule” here means “to act as a referee.” How can we let peace be the referee in our relationships?

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives.

Why is the message about Christ rich? Why do we need to teach and counsel each other?

What would it look like to do that ineffectively? Who have been the most helpful teachers and counselors in your life? What made you open to what they had to say?

Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

Why is it important to do this? Why is it important to do this together?

And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

What does it mean to be a representative of Jesus?

Paul says whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus. What are some things one can do that one might normally attribute to being a representative of Jesus?

How will we know we have been successful at this?