

From sermon on July 24th & 25th

It Runs in the Family Bear With One Another

Text: Ephesians 4:1-2

Purpose: Relational tension within the church is real. In this discussion we will learn the important principle of Bearing With One Another and how bearing with others actually helps us to grow spiritually.

Opening Question: *What are your top pet peeves?*

Read and Discuss: Ephesians 4:1-2

1. *What kind of people are most difficult for you:*
 - a. *Prickly: Blunt, black and white. Righteous.*
 - b. *Attention Seekers: Always want to be noticed.*
 - c. *Disappointing: Don't follow through with what they say.*
 - d. *Immature People: Still learning and growing.*
2. *What does Paul mean when he says to "bear with one another"? Can you give an example?*
3. *Paul talks about humility and patience needed to "bear with one another". How do those characteristics lead us to "bear with one another"?*
4. *How does learning to bear with one another help you grow as a Christian?*
5. *What can be some of the surprising benefits of regularly bearing with difficult people in your life?*