



the Venues
Go Deep
Choose Civility
God's Prescription for Civility
2.4.18

Suppose you could take a pill and learn a skill instantly; what skill would you choose?

Researchers at UC Berkeley and UC San Francisco are working on a “Love Pill” that has proven to make people more sensitive to inequality, more likely to share, more compassionate and just nicer and kinder.

Would you take the pill?

Here is Paul's prescription for Civility

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:9.

What does Paul mean that they were taught by God? (Remember that they didn't have the Bible like we have it) How are we taught by God?

Read 1 Thessalonians 3:12

What does Paul want to see happen?

Paul is talking about being “excessive” “To exceed the ordinary.”

What do you have or do in excess?

What is Paul telling us to do to those who mistreat us?

Read 1 Thessalonians 3:6-8

What was the good news that Timothy brought to Paul?

How were they doing with the love thing?

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7

Who has been or is a good model to you of love and kindness?

Paul says that they were models for others to follow?

Could Paul say that about you?

Rosa Parks' birthday is today - February 4.

For what is Rosa Parks a role model?

Where did you learn about Rosa Parks - books, movies, school, church?

If you were Rosa Parks, what would you have done when ordered to go to the back of the bus?

Rosa said, “People always say that I didn’t give up my seat because I was tired, but that isn’t true. I was not tired physically.... No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in.”

How can we empathize (“in feel”) with Rosa? Feel what she felt?

Read Matthew 5:9

Peace: “Everything that makes for a person’s highest good.” William Barclay, Greek Scholar *What does Jesus say about a “peacemaker”?*

Read 2 Corinthians 10:4

What are the world’s methods of responding to mistreatment? What are Jesus’ methods?

Read these quotes and discuss how they fit with God’s prescription:

“Let no man pull you so low as to make you hate him.” Booker T. Washington

“When I am commanded to love, I am commanded to restore community, to resist injustice, and to meet the needs of my brothers.” Martin Luther King Jr.

What will you do to follow that example this week?