

**Loving and Caring for One Another**  
**Loving God, Loving Others, Making Disciples**  
**Acts 2:37-47**  
**9-26-21**

**I. The Lord Loves and Cares for His People. (Acts 2:37-47)**

*Isaiah 54:10 - "Though the mountains be shaken, and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken..." says the LORD, who has compassion on you."*

**II. The Elders Love and Care for God's People.**

*Hebrews 13:7 - "Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."*

*Acts 14:23 - "(They) appointed elders in every church..."*

*1 Timothy 3:2 - "Therefore an overseer must be above reproach... hospitable...able to teach..."*

*Acts 20:18-20 - "...You yourselves know how I lived among you...serving...humility...tears and trials...I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable...teaching you in public and from house to house..."*

*1 Timothy 3:4-5 - "He must manage his own household well... (if not) how will he care for God's church?"*

**III. God's People Love and Care for God's People. (Acts 2:42-47)**

1. *John 13:34 - "Jesus said, ...as I have loved you...love one another."*

2. *Romans 15:7 - "Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."*

3. *Galatians 5:13 - "...through love serve one another."*

4. *Hebrews 10:24- 25 - "stir up one another...meet together...keep encouraging one another...all the more as you see the Day drawing near."*

5. *Romans 15:14 - "... instruct one another."*

*Colossians 3:16 - "...admonishing one another..."*

6. *Ephesians 5:19 - "Address one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs..."*

7. 2 Corinthians 13:11 – “Comfort one another.”
8. Colossians 3:13 – “Bear with one another...forgiving each other.”
9. James 5:16 – “Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another (and) be healed.”
10. 1 Peter 4:9 – “Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.”

### Going Deeper This Week

1. The early church knew their dependence upon God and their need for community. Read Acts chapters one and two. Discuss what you see about God’s faithfulness and the need for a Biblical and Spirit-led encouraging faith community. Stop and pray that God will continue to build His Kingdom, His way, for His glory at MCC.
2. “There is a lot going on in Acts 2:38-47. Write down what the church was doing for “one another” and the need each one was meeting. *For example, “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching.” - (Growth in Christ)*
3. Which do you see practiced at MCC? Which are you wanting to grow in today?
4. What does it mean in daily life to love our neighbor as ourselves? (See Galatians 2:1-10)
5. What were the results of the church trusting God and practicing the “one another love”? For example, “they were all filled with awe.”
6. What are the benefits when a church takes seriously the art of encouragement and the willingness to live in accountability to one another?
7. Discuss the “one another” scriptures from Sunday and use them to pray for one another and MCC.