



Sermon Discussion Questions:

"High Standards"

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- Paul calls for sincere love that reaches beyond people we naturally like or agree with. What makes that kind of Jesus-like love difficult, and what practices can help it become genuine?
- The sermon describes honoring others as going first in showing respect. How might taking the first step change a strained relationship or a divided community?
- Which of Paul's practical commands—hope, patience, prayer, generosity, or hospitality—most clearly reveals an area where Christian growth is needed, and why?
- What is the difference between refusing revenge and actively blessing someone who has caused harm? How can Christians pursue that calling while still taking harm seriously?
- The sermon says believers should be seen doing what is right. How can a public example remain faithful and humble rather than becoming a performance?
- How does the phrase “as far as it depends on you” challenge the expectation that another person must meet us halfway before peace is possible?
- Why does the order of grace matter—that God already loves and forgives us before asking us to live differently—and how does that reshape our response to these high standards?