LG Guide

11/15 - James 5:19-20

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week? Any new life updates? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Practically, is there any individual or family that needs encouragement from us as a group?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

Understanding:

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
2. Let's read our primary text. James ends his letter not with a greeting or benediction but with a call to go after a wandering brother or sister. Why is that a fitting way for James to close?
3. What does it mean to "wander from the truth" (v. 19)? Is James describing only wrong doctrine, or something broader?
4. James says "someone brings him back" (v. 19). What does this phrase suggest, and what does restoring someone actually look like?
5. Verse 20 says the one who brings back a sinner "will save his soul from death." Whose soul is saved, and what kind of death is James talking about?
6. How can a genuine believer "wander" in a way that leads toward death? How do we hold this warning together with the Bible's promise that God keeps His people?

Application:

7. Have you ever been a "wanderer," or been brought back by someone who cared enough to pursue you? What did they do that helped, or what do you wish someone had done?
8. Is there someone you know who has drifted from the Lord or from our church family? What is one concrete step you could take this week to reach out to them in love?
9. Where do you sense yourself drifting right now, even slightly? Who could you invite to speak into your life and pray with you before the drift grows?
10. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- *Internal:* Did you make time to disciple your family this week? Pray with them?
- *External:* Is your life marked by joy/contentment? Are you prepared to share the gospel if the Holy Spirit prompted? Is the name of Jesus on your lips in your day-to-day activity?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group, generally? *[apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy]*
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.