

MARINERS CHURCH



We're Better Together When We Are Spiritually Healthy

3.27.22

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." -Jesus, John 13:34-35

I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. -Jesus (Matthew 16:19)

Discord-itis: Not getting along.

Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement. Philippians 4:2

Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. 1 Thessalonians 4:9 (NIV)

Truth Distorting Syndrome

I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of any of you. For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. Acts 20:29-30

I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. 1 Corinthians 15:3 (NLT)



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All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

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"To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation.

"I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth." -Jesus, Revelation 3:14-16

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." -Jesus, Revelation 3:20

Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup*

Have you ever been part of a church that has had internal problems?

Do you think most churches have problems? Is it possible that God can work good through these problems? How?

Look at the three 'diseases' that a church can have.

Read Philippians 4:1-3. How else is the church to be involved in helping Euodia and Syntyche? What good can come from this?

Read Acts 20:28-32. What's going to happen to this (and other) church (es)? What is an example of distorted truth?

How is the church family supposed to deal with those who teach distorted truth?

Read Revelation 3:14-20. What is this church's problem? What do they have going well? How can they solve their problem?

What is OUR ROLE in bringing health to a church?

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