

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: The Blessing of Tough Love

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 7:2-4

Make room in your hearts for us.

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REVIEW THE SERMON

Read 2 Corinthians 7:2-4. When Paul instructed the Corinthian church to make room in their hearts, what was he asking them to do?

See verse 2b. Why did Paul feel that it was necessary to defend himself and his associates against the charge that they had wronged the Corinthians in some way?

See verses 3-4. What was Paul's ultimate motive for writing to the Corinthians as he did? Why was he willing to rebuke them on a number of issues? What was he hoping to accomplish?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

In general, how would you describe your relationships with other Christians? Are those relationships marked by love and unity, or do they tend to be characterized by conflict? Why do you think that is?

How do you tend to handle conflict? Is your approach generally helpful in most situations? Why or why not?

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

How do we make room in our hearts for one another? What attitude adjustments do we need to make in order for this to become an increasing reality in our church? Why can this be challenging at times?

What is special and unique about Christian relationships which sets them apart from every other kind of relationship? How should this reality affect the way we conduct ourselves in our relationships with other Christians?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

Practically speaking, what might it look like to "make room in our hearts" for each other this week?