



Aim and Atmosphere
Ministry Plan Sunday
David Hardy
September 13, 2020

► **Outline**

... *What is important is faith expressing itself in love.*

Galatians 5:6b (NLT)

I. Our Atmosphere

Overcome _____ by promoting PEACE. (Romans 12:18)

P – _____ first. (Philippians 4:6-7.
C/R: 2 Chronicles 20:12; Matthew 7:7; John 6:68)

E – _____ and _____ with someone.
(Romans 12:16; 14:19)

A – _____ the Bible. (John 16:33)

C – _____ with care. (Galatians 6:1)

E – _____ diverse believers as family.
(Galatians 3:26-28; Ephesians 2:14-16)

II. Our Aim

- **What?** Pursue a relationship with Jesus.
- **Why?** To experience a transformed life of loving God, loving people and living like Jesus.
- **How?** By faith, through Communicating with God, Connecting with Christians and Caring for others.

View the **2020-2021 Ministry Plan** at brookwoodchurch.org/ministryplan or on the Brookwood Church app.

Answers: I. Your response, Pray, Engage, Empathize, Apply, Confront, Embrace
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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/small_groups.

Opening Questions and Prayer

- What do you think have been the biggest challenges in our culture and our churches over the past several months?
- Spend a few minutes and name a couple of words or phrases that capture what 2020 has been like for you personally.
- Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Pray over the words and phrases you've mentioned, and ask God to bring you peace and direction.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [Philippians 4:2-7](#).

1. Why do you think Paul made such a public display of these women? Why was he so concerned about unity in the Philippian church (vs. 2)?
2. Why might it be significant that they each labored with Paul or that their names are in the Book of Life (vs. 3)?
3. Why do you think Paul specifies *always* (vs. 4)? How is it possible to *rejoice* and be *full of joy* when you're in a disagreement with someone?
4. How does being grateful cultivate healthier relationships?
5. What do our hearts and minds need to be guarded from (vs. 7)?
6. What does it mean to *live in Christ Jesus*?

Read [Romans 12:9-18](#).

7. What does Paul tell us to do (and not do) in this passage? Make a list.
8. From this list, write down at least three action steps you can take.
9. What are characteristics of someone who is full of pride? How does *thinking you know it all* hinder or damage relationships?
10. What does it look like to live in harmony with others without compromising our convictions?

Soul Training

Experiencing peace and expressing love is essential in our relationship with God and others. Make a list of your worries and talk with God about them. Think of people you know and pray for them. Do these things several times this week, so they become a more regular part of your life.

Memory Verse

... *What is important is faith expressing itself in love.* [Galatians 5:6b \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

- Day 1: [Romans 12:9-18](#) Day 4: [John 7:10-18](#)
Day 2: [Galatians 6:14-18](#) Day 5: [Proverbs 13:9-18](#)
Day 3: [Psalm 11](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

We begin a new series next Sunday, September 20, titled *Church Empowered*. To prepare, read [Acts 1](#).



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