Allowances What You Must Do

Colossians 3: 13 (NLT)

Make allowance for each other's faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Define:

Make - to give, to grant, or to show kindness or grace / to create space.

Allowance - the amount of something that is permitted.

Faults - an unattractive or unsatisfactory feature, especially in a piece of work or in a person's character

1. Our lesson today is designed for your transformation, and not for the transformation of others. It might be difficult but do the best you can to focus on yourself and not others, or an incident that happened to you. Let us start with identifying your faults. **What are some faults?** What does it look like to make allowances for those faults? Discuss (Only if you feel comfortable)

2. Justification is not your business, it is God's. When you suffer wrong, how do you try to justify yourself? There is something within us that wants to participate in the justification process. **Read Amos 5: 24** Discuss how justice & righteous flow without your involvement. Vengeance belongs to who?

3. The Bible reads, "Why not suffer the wrong according to **I Corinthians 6: 7."** Obviously, there is wrong involved, but the call is for you to just suck it up and allow yourself to endure the wrong. What does that look like in making allowances for each other's faults? Discuss how you must give up your rights so forgiveness can take place in your life. Discuss.

4. Forgiveness is not just when you are right, and the other person is wrong. Forgiveness includes you, and the individual operating wrong.

5. People will be people, and people's character defects will get on your nerves, right? You have to identified some of your own character defects. How do you respond to them? Discuss why do other people's character defects get on your nerves, but yours does not? If you can tolerate yours, why can't you tolerate others?

6. Discuss how going forward you will put "make allowances" into practice.