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**Sermon Title: Five Marks for a Healthy Christian Community**

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**Scripture text(s): 1 Peter 3:8**

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- 1) How do we relate to a world that is harsh towards us?
- 2) Discuss how we are prone to be less compassionate and loving during times of spiritual warfare. What are ways to guard against this?
- 3) Read 1 Peter 3:8. What are the 5 marks of a healthy Christian community?
- 4) What did Dan say unites us?
- 5) Application question for mark #1 unity of mind--Assess whether your attitude or actions contribute to or detract from the unity of mind in your church, in your family, in your marriage, ministry, and/or friendships. Name some attitudes and actions that contribute and some that detract.
- 6) What did Dan say was the difference between pity and sympathy? How have you seen both in your life? What were the results of each?
- 7) Application question for mark #2 sympathy--How are you entering into the needs and pains of others? How can you move from pity to sympathy? What needs, either of the church or of individuals in the church, do you need to enter into?
- 8) Application question for mark #3 brotherly love--How have you shown love to those at Hope Point? How can you move from a declaration of love to a demonstration of love this week?
- 9) The fourth mark is a tender heart. What did Dan say was the opposite of a tender heart? In what ways can we guard against the opposite of a tender heart?
- 10) Application question for #4 a tender heart--Who do you need to forgive? Who do you need to ask forgiveness of?
- 11) Dan said that pride is opposition to God. Discuss why this is and how pride is dangerous.
- 12) Dan also said that Christian humility is deeper than the leveling of pride. What did he mean by this? Read Philippians 2:5-8.
- 13) Application question for mark #5 a humble mind--How can you seek a lower position for the sake of another? Where do you find yourself seeking the higher position?

