





COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: What does love require of me?

HEAD CHANGE: Love means you get involved even when it costs you.

HEART CHANGE: Love requires that we see people in light of who they are and what they have gone through.

LIFE CHANGE: I will not be content with believing correctly while not loving well.

OVERVIEW

Becoming a Community of Love

Jesus was so brilliant...He could have made the defining characteristic of His followers anything He saw fit. He could have said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you believe something." But instead, He said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you do something. If you love as I have loved." The brilliance of this statement is found in our own personal experience. Let me put it this way; there are two categories of people who have made a significant impact/difference in your life. There are two categories of people who have made you the husband you are today, the father or mother you are today, the employee you are today. There are two categories of people who have set you up to be successful or not so successful in your relationships or dating relationships. These two categories of people did not impact you because of what they believe, it was not even whether they were Christian or not. It is those who have hurt you deeply or those who have loved you profoundly. Jesus has called and equipped us to become the latter.

"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."

-John 13:34-35 (NIV)-

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you in this teaching and why?
2. How do you define love? Where does your definition of love come from?
3. How does the image of Jesus washing His disciples' feet change the way you envision what He has called you to do regarding loving people like Him?
4. In your own words, how would you describe what loving like Jesus looks like when it's with another believer compared to a non-believer.
5. As you go throughout your week interacting with people, keep this question before you, "In light of who I am and who you are, in light of what I have been through and what you've been through, in light of your story, what does love require of me?"

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, through your Holy Spirit, teach me how to live like Jesus. Show our church how to love like Jesus. Give us wisdom and courage to live on mission to love all people in Jesus' name, even when it costs us something. Help me to discern how you want me to love so that I may become a person of love. In Jesus' name, amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!