




COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: What does love require of me?

HEAD CHANGE: True faith is more attractive than we often realize.

HEART CHANGE: My obedience to Jesus makes a difference in the lives of others.

LIFE CHANGE: I will sacrificially commit, engage in loyal friendships, and practice regular generosity.

OVERVIEW

Irresistible Christianity

What would happen in the Church and ultimately the world, if we oriented our lives, our marriages, friendships, finances, and time, around this inescapably simple but all-encompassing question...what does love require of me? Maybe we would stop searching the scriptures for loopholes and we would begin searching the scriptures in pursuit of ways to love better.

- Youth groups and student ministries would be characterized by honor and mutual respect.
- Families would live on budgets so they could give more away.
- Marriages would model servant leadership at its finest.
- While folks outside of faith communities may be critical of what we believe they would be envious of how well we treat one another and be stunned by how well we treat them even when we disagree with them.

That would be Irresistible Christianity. That is what we are after today. And that requires three things: loyal friendships, sacrificial commitments, and generous partnerships.

"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. Of the three areas that love requires of us; loyal friendships, sacrificial commitments, and generous partnerships, which one comes easiest to you? Which one is the most difficult?
4. Is there an area of your life where you have comprised your trust in God because you don't like what He has to say? In other words, have you been more interested in liking Jesus than you have been in following Jesus.
5. Jordan said, "A lot of times people go to a church based on a few people's public gifts. And you can build a decent church on public gifts BUT you will never see a movement of the gospel, an in-breaking of the spirit based solely on a few people's public gifts." Do you believe that? How can you lean into sacrificial commitments, loyal friendships, and generous partnerships today?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, thank you for caring for and loving me even when my faith in you wavers. You never give up on me even when I sometimes give up on you. Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you. In Jesus' Name, amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!