

Known
Message: A New Command

February 6, 2022

Life Group Study
For week of February 6, 2022

Job 4:3-6 | John 13:34-35; 14:15 | 1 Corinthians 13 | 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18; 5:1-11
Philippians 2:1-2 | Titus 1:9 | Hebrews 3:13; 10:25 | 1 John 4:7-11

A new command for me: Love one another.

This starts with God.

Love Does.

Love Speaks.

Love Makes Room

Love Welcomes

It is not my love for God that is my identifier – it is my love for others.

My Response:

- My first step: Let Jesus love me.
- My second step: Move from thinking to doing.
- My third step: Confront unloving action / inaction: Confess it.

Is joining a Life Group your next step? Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today!
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Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

Love, described in Scripture, is a self-sacrificial action. How does this differ from the love mentioned in our culture today?

Who are people in your life that are the easiest to love? Hardest? What makes them that way? Are you an easy person to love?

Connect to God's story

In the Gospel of John, Jesus is giving his final words to His disciples and talks with them about a different kind of love than what they've experienced in their world.

Read John 13:34-35.

What is the "new command" Jesus gives? For a follower of Jesus, is love an option? From your experience, how easy are Jesus' followers to love?

What will be displayed by how we love each other? What can you choose to do if you found that you're not being loving toward someone?

Read Genesis 4:1-12 & 1 John 3:11-16

The first murder in Scripture is between two brothers. Why do you think such hatred can come from such a close relationship? Why is loving one another so important?

John writes about "real love"... what is it? How should we live in response? How has your love been this week toward others?

Read John 15:9-17.

Why is obeying Jesus' commandments so important? What does the action of obedience show? What will overflow as a result?

How did Jesus love us? What does it look like to love each other as Jesus did?

What are some ways you can love your family as Jesus has loved you this week? What are ways you can love your co-workers, classmates, or even those who you have conflict in the same way Jesus loves this week?

When Jesus talks about laying down his life for his friends, what is he referring to? Spend some time reflecting on Jesus' sacrifice for you... How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus laid down his life for you?

Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

- 1 John 3:18 (NLT)

Real Life Prayer for 2022

Lord Jesus,

I affirm that I am fully known by You; my thoughts, fears, hopes, and dreams. You know my past, present, and future. I am fully known and loved by You.

I desire to know You more - Your heart, Your will, Your purposes.

I commit to making You known in my areas of influence through my words, actions, attitude, and joy. I commit to love as You love.

I ask you, Lord Jesus, to use me daily for Your purposes.

I pray this with a heart of gratitude,

Amen.

Notes:
