

Live Love
Week 3: Love Each Other
September 5th, 2021

OPENING PRAYER

Have someone in the group invite God's Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God's Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of applying this truth in our daily lives.

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

~Safe Group	~Silence	~Sharing
~Confidentiality	~No Cross Talk	~Self-Aware
~Listen	~No Fixing	~"I" Statements
~Pause	~No Rescuing	~Handle Conflict Biblically

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

Do you have any traditions revolving around the Labor Day Weekend?

INTRODUCTION

As we **Live Love**, one of the most important and impactful ways we do is by the way we love each other. We turn our attention to Jesus' "*New Commandment*" to the disciples and to our study this week **Love Each Other**. Our passage is found in *John 13:31-35*. As your group engages with this passage, listen to the words and ask yourself...does my love for others prove to the world that I am a disciple?

THIS WEEK'S KEY SCRIPTURE: John 13: 31-35

Read the passage: Have someone in your group read the passage of scripture as everyone else follows along in their Bible.

DISCUSSION:

Go around the room and share from your heart, remembering the group guidelines.

EXPLORING THE SCRIPTURE:

- What do you notice in this text with new or fresh eyes?
- What do you struggle with?
- What surprises you?
- What encourages you?

ENGAGING THE MESSAGE:

- What is happening in the Upper Room when Jesus gives His “new commandment?”
- How does Judas’ departure in John 13:31 contrast with Jesus’ proclamation of “His glory” later in the same verse?
- Why does sacrificial love among the followers of Jesus prove Jesus’ glory?
- How does disunity among God’s people reflect on Jesus?
- In what ways does following Jesus make a difference in your life? In what ways does that lead you to live differently?

LIVING IT OUT-APPLICATION:

- **Is there anything that needs to change about your relationship with others within the Body of Christ? Whether or not you feel free to share in your group, please take time to reflect this week, forgive or ask forgiveness as needed, and make a fresh commitment to Christ's command to "Love each other."**

CLOSING PRAYER: Spend some time in prayer, pray for the season we are in, for those that may be affected, for the community, for our world. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.