



Nov. 30 – Dec. 1
Lesson 11

Love One Another

This Discussion Guide should be used the week following the sermon it supplements, but members can still interact even if they missed the sermon. To use this guide in your Community Group, try to work through the questions on your own before you meet. You might not get to all of the questions, and that's okay. If your Community Group does not meet one week, walk through the guide on your own so that you can stay in sync with the series.

MAIN TEXT: John 15:12-13; John 13:34-35

SUMMARY: To finish our “One Another” series on how to be the church with one another and not just do church, we will look into loving one another, the drive behind all the one another’s.

Just a reminder, while the “one another” passages do encourage us to move inward in community with one another, it doesn’t happen without moving upward toward God, and it always moves us outward to the lost around us!

GETTING STARTED

Watch the video together with the corresponding guide and answer the following question below:

1. Have one or two share about a time they experienced the love of Christ within the church body.

DISCUSSING THE WORD

1. Read Matthew.... Why does the command “love one another” sum up all the one another passages?
2. John 15:12-13. What type of love is Jesus talking about here? How does this challenge you?
3. If loving one another sounds hard, how do verses 1-11 in chapter 15 encourage you?
4. How do we practice loving one another? Look up each verse below for practical help on how to do this.
 - Listen - James 1:19;
 - Overlook other’s faults - Eph. 4:32;
 - Value others - Matt. 5:43-48;
 - Express love to others - John 15:13

RESPONDING TO GOD

1. Which of the above from the acrostic is difficult for you to do and you could practice more of?

OTHER THOUGHTS

How can you abide in God's love this week? (Scripture, prayer, solitude, journaling, prayer walks, etc.)

BEING MISSIONALLY ENGAGED WITH YOUR GROUP

Below is ways for group to be missionally engaged that was shared previously. Use some time at the end to discuss any details needed to move forward, and spend some time praying for these unsaved friends.

1. Have each person think of 2 unsaved friends. Write them down on a piece of paper and commit to pray for their salvation.
2. Go around the room and share with your group the 2 unsaved friends that you wrote down.
3. Decide as a group which unsaved friend you would all like to pursue with either one of the following 3 things:
 - a. **Is there a need? Then fill it.** (*Ex. Yardwork is difficult for a single mom.*)
 - b. **Is there a hurt? Then heal it.** (*Ex. A neighbor's spouse passed away and you make meals for the neighbor for a week*)
 - c. **Is there a common interest? Then do it.** (*Ex. A friend likes board games, so you get together for a game night!*)
4. Start planning the details together as a group and just focus on 1 or 2 unsaved people at a time. Let them see your love that you have as a group and the love Jesus has for them!