

# LOVE

**Theme:** Love 29

**Discipleship groups purpose:** Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

**Key Truth:** Loving One Another.

**Key Scripture:** *John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*

**Read:** Jesus gave His disciples a new commandment but still in relation to love. He taught His disciples that they must love one another as He had loved them, and by this kind of love demonstrated all of mankind will know that we are His disciples. The connection that people identify us with, of being in and with Jesus Christ, is our love for one another.

Now this isn't our natural human love that man is able to love with but this is the Heavenly love that Jesus and God loves mankind with. This is a love that knows no boundaries or conditions and doesn't love a person or people based on their behaviour, but on the quality of the substance of what it is - pure.

Jesus is saying My disciples are known to Me and others by the love they have for one another. I am not sure it gets more profound than this. The love Jesus has for us is selfless, sacrificial, powerful, unconditional, forgiving, holds no wrongs, it's not jealous, but is kind and gentle. The love God has for us is all of the 16 attributes that we have looked at so far this year, and it is this love Jesus says we are to love one another with.

Are you known for this love yet? Have you received this kind of love from the person beside you? Have you received this love from people who are part of the Rock family that you don't even know?

The evidence of being a disciple of Jesus, and not just someone who professes to be a disciple, is your ability to love as Christ loved. By now the magnitude of this should be coming upon us and the weight of what Jesus is saying we should be experiencing. This is not heavy but weighty. The expectation that Jesus has of us as those who declare we are His, is weighty and yet fully possible if we are in Christ and abiding in the one true vine. The fruit of abiding in Christ is that much of this love is being produced in and through us as a branch. We will find ourselves, not through our own strength or ability but in His, being able to love all people as Jesus does.

**1 John 2:6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.**

What does it mean to walk in the same manner as which Jesus walked. Primarily it means to be able to walk in love as He walked in love.

**Questions:**

1. What does it mean to love mankind the way Jesus loved?
2. Why is it fully possible to love mankind like Jesus?
3. What does a church look like and sound like that are able to love one another as Jesus loves them?
4. What examples are there in God's word of people like us, loving mankind as Jesus loved them?
5. Where are you at with being able to love mankind the way Jesus' is loving you?

**Action:** What are you being made aware of through this resource and is there one thing you need to put in place from going through this resource?

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