

III. DEMONSTRATE LOVING ONE ANOTHER

“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:35

A. Love your friends and your enemies.

“12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.” John 15:12-13

“But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,” Matthew 5:44

B. Love people in your church and in your community.

“And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you,” I Thessalonians 3:12

“33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.

34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’”

Luke 10:33-35

C. Love people like you and love people not like you.

“Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.”

Romans 13:8

LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

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INTRODUCTION

A. Do you know that the words “one another” are used as a command 59 times in the New Testament? These commands describe God’s design for relationships and how we are to engage and respond to one another.

It should be our goal to always one another well. Jesus placed a high priority on our one anothering when He said,

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Imagine a world where every Christian was demonstrating “love for one another” and obeying all the one another commandments. It would drastically improve our lives and the lives of everyone around us.

B. God created us to be relational beings and wants us to experience abundant, life giving community. The trouble is many times we don’t one another well. Attend the One Another Teaching Series to improve your one anothering and strengthen your relationships.

TODAY	Love One Another
May 19	Greet One Another
May 26	Submit To One Another
Jun 2	Pray For One Another
Jun 9	Forgive One Another
Jun 16	Encourage One Another
Jun 23	Be Members Of One Another

C. **TEXT:** John 13:34-35

Love one another is mentioned at least fifteen times in the New Testament.

HOW TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

I. DEFINE LOVING ONE ANOTHER

A. Loving one another is new.

“A new commandment I give to you, ...” John 13:34a

It is not new chronologically. But it is new because we now have Jesus’ example to follow.

“For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,”

I John 3:11

“You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

Leviticus 19:18

*“1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.
2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”*

Ephesians 5:1-2

B. Loving one another is sacrificial service.

“...that you love one another;...” John 13:34b

“4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.

5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.” John 13:4-5

“26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”

27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you.

28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”

Matthew 26:26-28

II. DEVELOP LOVING ONE ANOTHER

“...as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”
John 13:34c

A. Ask God to teach you.

*“9 But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;
10 and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more;”* I Thessalonians 4:9-10

B. Follow the example of Jesus.

“16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.” I John 3:16-18

C. Participate in a local church.

*“24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,
25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”*

Hebrews 10:24-25