

## REDEFINING THE RELATIONSHIP

### Better Together

<sup>34</sup>"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35 (NIV)

**Jesus followers are a covenant community whose \_\_\_\_\_ are in Jesus' love for them and they are \_\_\_\_\_ by how they love like Jesus.**

**The Family of God, or the Body of Christ, has one family rule:**

**We love \_\_\_\_\_ the way \_\_\_\_\_ has loved us.**

**Our relationships with each other are just as \_\_\_\_\_ as our relationship with God.**

<sup>35</sup>One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: <sup>36</sup>"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

<sup>37</sup>Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup>All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:35-40 (NIV)

**Jesus' new covenant and new command would \_\_\_\_\_ how we see and treat each other.**

- **I can love others and not love \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **I cannot love God without loving \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>15</sup>"If you love me, keep my commands."

<sup>21</sup>"Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me."

<sup>23</sup>"Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. <sup>24</sup>Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching."

<sup>30</sup>"I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, <sup>31</sup>but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me."

<sup>10</sup>"If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love."

<sup>12</sup>"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

<sup>17</sup>"This is my command: Love each other."

John 14:15,21,23,24, 30-31; 15:10, 12, 17 (NIV)

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

**My love for Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ me to love \_\_\_\_\_ others.**

- **To love Jesus, we must love each \_\_\_\_\_ as Jesus has loved us. (John 13:34-35)**
- **To love Jesus, we must love our \_\_\_\_\_ as Jesus has loved us. (Matthew 22:39)**
- **To love Jesus, we must love our \_\_\_\_\_ as Jesus has loved us. (Matthew 5:44)**

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup>If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup>This is my command: Love each other.

John 15:10-17 (NIV)

**Life is better when I \_\_\_\_\_ love others the way Jesus has loved me.**

SERIES BIG IDEA:

**We are \_\_\_\_\_ when we love one another.**

## FURTHER READING FOR THIS WEEK

**Day 1: 2 John 15-6**

**Day 2: 1 John 3:16-19**

**Day 3: 1 John 3:24**

**Day 4: John 14:16-17**

**Day 5: John 14:26**

**Day 6: Galatians 5:22-23**