

# ONE ANOTHERING

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## DEVOTED

<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)

- Following Jesus' new command is the result of being \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus' new command \_\_\_\_\_ the teachings of Jesus' new \_\_\_\_\_.
- As a part of Jesus' new community, we do for \_\_\_\_\_ what Jesus has done for \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>15</sup>And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

<sup>16</sup>So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 2 Corinthians 5:15-18 (NIV)

To reconcile is to \_\_\_\_\_ oneself \_\_\_\_\_ another because Jesus gave Himself for us.

<sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Corinthians 5:19-21 (NIV)

We have the \_\_\_\_\_ of giving ourselves for one another so we can lead people to be reconciled with God.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

Romans 12:3 (NIV)

Jesus' new community has an understanding of who each of us are \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

<sup>4</sup>For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Romans 12:4-5 (NIV)

Jesus' new community sees the \_\_\_\_\_ in each other.

<sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup>if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup>if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Romans 12:6-8 (NIV)

Jesus' new community leverages \_\_\_\_\_ they are and \_\_\_\_\_ they have for each other.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Romans 12:9 (NIV)

- Sincere love is \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ love is insincere.

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*Be devoted to one another in love.*

Romans 12:10 (NIV)

**Jesus' new community is \_\_\_\_\_ to one another because we are for one another.**

SERIES BIG IDEA:

**We love one another by being \_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_.**



## TEACHING SUMMARY:

Groups of people are often known for what they are against rather than what they are for. This can stretch into politics, one group is against immigration and another is against guns, one is against abortion and the other is against discrimination. Clubs and other organizations have a tendency to be the same way. Those communities of people are most widely known for what they are against.

The new community that Jesus established in the Church wasn't designed that way. It isn't called to be known for what it is against. The Church, Jesus' new community, is called to be set apart- and be so radically for others that no one can mistake it for anything else.

We, the Church, are called to be radically devoted to others and be willing to, like Jesus, sacrifice ourselves in order to lead others into relationship with the Father.

## TALK IT OVER:

**Talk about a time when you felt that someone was for you. What did that feel like?**

**What comes into mind when you hear that we are in the ministry of giving ourselves for one another?**

**Do you find it difficult to remain others focused? Is it something that you have to work on?**

**What do you think the world would look like if we were all devoted to each other by being for one another?**

**What is one simple next step you can take this week to be for someone else?**

**How can we be praying for you?**

## FURTHER READING:

Day 1: John 1:9-13

Day 3: Colossians 2:6-12

Day 5: 1 John 3:21-24

Day 2: Romans 6:3-11

Day 4: Galatians 2:20

Day 6: 1 Peter 4:10-11