

SERIES BIG IDEA:

We are better together when we love one another.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

I can only love others to the extent that I've received Jesus' love for me.

TEACHING SUMMARY:

There are sometimes in life when you can't do something without certain ingredients. You can't mail a letter without a stamp, you can't make Smores without marshmallows, and you can't win a Super Bowl in KC without Mahomes. There are certain things you just can't do without a specific ingredient. This transitions in to our spiritual walk as well.

In this week's teaching we learned that we can't give love without having received the love of Christ. This is for all areas of our life. Have we received the love of Christ in our failings so that we can love others when they fail? Have we received the love of Christ in the good times and the bad so we can offer the same to others? Our ability to love others is directly correlated to our receiving of Jesus love.

So where do you love well? Where is it difficult? Have you given the difficult spots over to Jesus and thanked Him for the places where you love well? Let's dig a little deeper with the questions below.

TALK IT OVER:

How do you feel about the idea that life isn't about you but is about loving others?

What are some barriers you put up in regard to loving others?

Does the fact that Jesus' love for you and for your enemy are the same change the way you view the person you struggle with? If yes, what changes?

What is a next step you could take toward living out the love of Christ in the most difficult relationships in your life?

How can we pray for you this week?

FURTHER READING:

Day 1: 1 John 4:12-21

Day 2: 1 John 2:2-6

Day 3: 1 John 5:1-2

Day 4: 1 Peter 1:22-23

Day 5: 3 John 1:1-6

Day 6: 2 John 1:4-6

