

BIG TRUTH: THE CHURCH IS MARKED BY LOVE

Romans 12:10; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; 1 John 2:9-10; 3:23

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 13:34-35

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

BIG IDEAS

- Love is selfless and sacrificial action.
- Love labors to help others become like Jesus.
- Love looks like Jesus’ pursuit of us.

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 13:34-35

UNITE - I AM PART OF A FAMILY

The Unite Year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are given a spirit of adoption as sons (Romans 8:15-16), are made a child of God, and we are also saved into a family- the Church. The Unite Year explores how we are to live as a part of a family, and to live in light of our calling as servants and disciples of Christ. We use our gifts to build up the church as we pursue unity, humility, and gentleness with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- The church is a family.
- The church is given by God.
- The church exists for God.



Every student should feel...

- Thankful for the unique ways God has gifted them and their church.
- Appreciation for the elders and leaders that God has gifted their church.



Every student should strive to...

- Prioritize gathering to worship each week with their church family.
- Learn more about membership in their local church.
- Do something to intentionally serve someone in their church family each week



Every student should want...

- To devote themselves to pursue holiness with their church family.
- To have their lives be marked by love for the church.
- To live in a way that is sacrificial and generous for the good of others and the glory of God

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder what it looks like to love like Jesus. We will pray for hearts that seek Him and others. We will practice loving others like Jesus loves us.

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Read and meditate on John 13:34-35 this week.

As you read these verses ask yourself some of these questions:

- How is Godly love different from worldly love? How have you thought of love through a worldly perspective?
- What would it look like for you to love selflessly? How can you join with your church in pursuing others?

Consider how the love of Jesus has impacted your life.

- How can you love others like Jesus loves you?
- How can your love help others become more like Jesus?



Pray for a heart that loves like Jesus loves you.

- Pray for a willingness to love sacrificially this week and every week.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. As you pray together, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to pursue others like Jesus pursues you.



Do a word study of the word “love” this week.

- Write down several Scriptures that speak of God’s love. Evaluate the way you love others and commit to make the adjustments you need to make in order to love like Jesus loves.
- Discuss ways you can love others through your local church with your mom or dad this week. Choose one way to practice loving like Jesus at church this week.
- Meet with your small group leader to discuss some of the ways you can help others become more like Jesus. Make a plan to invest in others.