

## BIG TRUTH: THE AIM OF OUR CHARGE IS LOVE

2 Corinthians 5:14-15; 1 John 4:11; John 13:34-35; Romans 12:10; 1 Peter 1:22

## BIBLE VERSE: 1 TIMOTHY 1:5

*“The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.”*

## BIG IDEAS

- God’s children are known by their love.
- God’s love is not like the world’s love.
- Godly love uses spiritual gifts effectively.

## BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 22:34-40; ROMANS 13:8-14; 1 CORINTHIANS 13

## UNITE - I AM CALLED

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...

- Every good gift comes from the Father.
- They have been specifically and uniquely gifted to bring God glory.
- Spiritual gifts are given for the edification of the body of Christ.



### Every student should feel...

- Thankful for the various gifts God has given their church family.
- Convicted of the ways they bear the fruit of the flesh.
- Secure in their standing as God’s children through the Holy Spirit



### Every student should strive to...

- Pursue unity with other members of their church family.
- Use their gifts for the good of God’s people.
- Practice regular repentance and obedience.



### Every student should want...

- To be known for loving others like Jesus loves.
- To learn more about their spiritual gifts and the gifts of others.
- To both suffer and rejoice with God’s people

## STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will consider what it means to love with a Godly love. We will pray for hearts that desire to use our spiritual gifts effectively and we will practice loving others.

# THE AIM OF OUR CHARGE IS LOVE



**Read and meditate on Matthew 22:34-40, Romans 13:8-14, and 1 Corinthians 13 this week.**

As you read these verses, use these questions to help you ponder these verses:

- How is God's love different from the world's idea of love? How does your idea of love measure up with 1 Corinthians 13?
- How can you love God and your neighbor better this week?

**Ponder what it means to use your spiritual gifts out of love for the body.**

- How can you use your gifts to love the local body of believers this week?



**Pray every day this week.**

- Pray for a heart that understands and desires to love like God loves.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. As you pray together, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to use your spiritual gifts effectively.



**Discuss with your parent what it looks like to love your neighbor.**

- Make a list of the people who would be considered your neighbors. Next, jot down specific ways you can love them this week. Commit to love them like God loves this week.
- Discuss with your small group leader ways you can use your gifts in your church. Make a plan to plug into your church and use your spiritual gifts.