

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

LOVE EACH OTHER



OVERFLOW - WEEK 3

JOHN 13:34-35

WELCOME TO LIFE GROUP

This Fall, we are focusing on our values of experiencing God and Loving Others through our sermon series, overflow. Over these 10 weeks, we will grow in our love for others as we experience God's love for us.

This week, we were invited to consider Jesus' famous words in John 13: "I give you a new command: Love one another." One of Jesus' greatest desires for us - and one of the greatest gifts we can give the world - is that we love one another in the family of God.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Our discipleship to Jesus is meant to be a holistic way of living, involving our whole selves - **head, heart, and hands**. While each person will likely gravitate to one of these over the others, it's important we all consider how God's love affects our minds, our hearts, and our actions.



What idea from the sermon stuck out to you most this week?



What questions do you have that were either raised or left unanswered by the sermon?



Washing the disciples' feet is obviously a remarkable example of Jesus' love for us. What other stories from the gospels display Jesus' love for others most clearly to you? How do those shape your view of how to love one another?

Read **Proverbs 17:17, Romans 12:9-10, Galatians 6:2-10, and 1 Peter 4:8-11**. How do these passages help you understand Jesus' command to love one another? In what ways do they challenge you to love more?



Pastor Bubba outlined that Jesus' example of loving one another is **humble, others-focused, sacrificial**, and **enduring** through hardship.

Which of these aspects of loving one another comes most naturally to you? Which is the biggest challenge for you personally?

When was a time you were loved by someone in a church family particularly well? What did that look like?



What are the ways we can love another within our Life Group over the next couple of months? What needs are you experiencing or do you know of that could be opportunities to put this message into practice?

GROUP APPLICATION - This fall, we want to be intentional about serving together as a group. Take the next 10 minutes to discuss opportunities to lovingly serve the church family together. Make a plan as a group to commit to loving your church family in this way.

Check out the bottom of the next page for some ideas if you need help getting started...

CLOSING PRAYER

Romans 5:5 reminds us that “God’s love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” We are able to love one another because we are filled with the love of God the Holy Spirit.

Pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to pour God’s love into our hearts that we might overflow with love toward one another. Pray specifically for those in the Resurrection Church family who are...

- suffering with sickness
- experiencing depression, anxiety, mental health issues, or emotional distress
- feeling lonely and needing connection to others
- struggling with grief and loss
- new to following Jesus and growing in their faith
- Mature Jesus followers, to lead in loving one another

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³⁴ “I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

IDEAS FOR LOVING ONE ANOTHER

- Serve on a team during a worship gathering
 - Hospitality and Kids Ministry are usually easy ways to start serving, and always need volunteers!
 - Consider serving TOGETHER as a group - if that can’t happen right now, think about how you can encourage each other to serve individually.
- Serve a member of your group
 - Help moving, housework, Meal Train, childcare for date nights, text encouragements, etc
- Serve another person or family from Resurrection Church
 - If you know of a specific need, bring that up to the group and discuss how you can serve together.
 - Connect with another Life Group to serve one another - exchange prayer requests, do acts of kindness, etc.

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