

Sermon Series Devotional Guide

Members of one another

a study of the "one anothers"

During the last number of years there have been many ideas about how the church could evangelize. Billy Graham popularized the whole idea of the "Crusade" and we were encouraged to invite our friends to an event. Dr. James Kennedy came up with a program called "Evangelism Explosion" which gave us the tools to go door to door with the good news of Jesus Christ. Willow Creek Church developed the seeker friendly worship service and we were made aware of the possibility of worship evangelism. Nicky Gumbel introduced us to the world of Alpha and a thoughtful presentation of the gospel was given over a candle light dinner.

All of these have been great tools for us to share the truth of Jesus Christ with our neighbours and friends. But I would suggest that the greatest evangelism strategy was developed by our Lord, Jesus. He states in John chapter 13 that it will be through our love for one another the world will know that we are his disciples.

Clearly, it is as we love one another that the world sees that we belong to Christ and is able to see that he is real.

Before you begin the study this week, take some time to pray. Pray that God will speak to your heart and affirm you in what you are doing right and correct you what you are doing wrong. Pray that he would be glorified and known in our community through our love for one another.

Monday March 8

Last week we began looking at the whole idea of loving one another. What did we discover is the source for our love for one another?

Read

❖ John 13:34-35

Study

1. Look up the word "disciple" in a dictionary. What is the definition?

2. What does Jesus say would happen if we loved one another?

3. What qualities do you think the world would discover about Jesus through our love for one another?

4. How have you demonstrated love to other Christians? List some practical things you have done in the last month to show love to other Christians.

Reflect

In 1 Corinthians 13 we are given a wonderful definition of love. Examine your life and think of how you are (or aren't) displaying the qualities that are listed there.

Is your love toward other Christians patient?

Patient								Impatient	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Is your love toward other Christians kind?

Kind								Unkind	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Are you envious toward other Christians?

Not Envious								Envious	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Are you boastful?

Not very boastful								Boastful	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Are you proud?

Not very proud								Proud	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Do you honour other Christians?

Honouring								Dishonouring	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Are you self seeking?

Unselfish								Selfish	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Are you easily angered?

Not easily angered								Easily angered	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Do you keep a record of wrongs?

No record of wrongs					Keeps a record of wrongs				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Do you delight in evil or rejoice in the truth?

Rejoice in the truth					Delight in evil				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Do you always protect, trust, hope, persevere?

Yes					Not so much				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Pray

- ❖ If your answers to the above test are consistently to the right ask God to work a miracle in your heart and change your attitude by experiencing the love of Christ.

For our church:

- ❖ Pray for our small group ministry. Ask God to fulfill his promise in each leader - that he would send ... *"the Counselor, the Holy Spirit ... who will teach you all things and will remind you of everything"* that Jesus said (John 14:26)
- ❖ Pray for the participants in the small groups. Pray that each one would be given the *"Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that they may know Jesus Christ better."* (Ephesians 1:17)