

Caring

Mark 2:1-4, John 13:34-35

October 5, 2025



DAY 1: LOVING ONE ANOTHER

READING: JOHN 13:34-35, 1 THESSALONIANS 5:14-15

Jesus gave us a new commandment - to love one another as He has loved us. This love isn't just a feeling, but a radical, inclusive action that creates space for others, even those we might find difficult to love.

Reflect on how Jesus loved you in your brokenness and sin. How can you extend that same love to others in your church community or beyond?

Today, look for an opportunity to show Christ-like love to someone unexpected, perhaps someone you've struggled with in the past. Remember, our love for each other is a powerful testimony to the world of Christ's love for us.

DAY 2: FACILITATING ACCESS TO JESUS

READING: MARK 2:1-12

The story of the paralyzed man being lowered through the roof shows us the power of facilitating access to Jesus. These four friends were so determined to bring their friend to Jesus that they overcame every obstacle. How can you be like these friends in your own life? Who in your circle needs to encounter Jesus, and what "roofs" might you need to break through to bring them to Him?

Pray for God to give you a name of someone who needs Jesus, and commit to praying for them regularly. Look for ways to show care and create opportunities for them to experience Christ's love through you.

DAY 3: REPENTANCE AND BELIEF

READING: MARK 1:14-15, ACTS 3:19-20

Jesus began His ministry with a call to repent and believe the good news. Repentance isn't just feeling sorry; it's a complete reorientation of life. It's turning away from sin and self-rule and turning towards God and His kingdom. Belief goes beyond intellectual agreement - it's about trust, allegiance, and faithfulness to Jesus.

Take some time to examine your own life. Are there areas where you need to repent and reorient yourself towards God? How can you deepen your trust and allegiance to Jesus today? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any areas of your life that need to change, and take a step of obedience in response to what He shows you.

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DAY 4: THE CHURCH AS A CARING COMMUNITY

READING: ACTS 2:42-47, GALATIANS 6:2

The early church was marked by deep care for one another. They shared their possessions, met each other's needs, and lived in close community. This care wasn't just for those inside the church - it overflowed to those around them, drawing many to faith in Christ.

How can you contribute to building a caring community in your church? Is there someone in your church family who needs support or encouragement? Is there someone in your circle of influence who doesn't come to VPC who needs support, encouragement, and care?

Take action today to reach out and show care. Remember, our love for one another is a powerful witness to the world of God's love.

DAY 5: BEING SENT ON MISSION

READING: MATTHEW 28:18-20, JOHN 20:21

Jesus sends us into the world just as the Father sent Him. We are called to be His love, hope, and grace to those around us. This isn't just a task for pastors or missionaries - every believer is sent on mission. Where has God placed you? Your workplace, neighbourhood, or social circles are your mission field. How can you be intentional about representing Christ in these spaces?

Pray for God to open your eyes to the opportunities around you to share His love. Consider one practical step you can take today to live out your calling as one sent by Jesus into the world.