

Thursday, Aug 13
Sunday, Aug 16

notes

Submit to one another -- Ephesians 5:21

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Hear, Study, Become, and Apply.

GROUP DISCUSSION

Does the Bible Actually Say?

GateWay Church of Visalia, Pastor Lance Ainsworth

John 13:34-35; 15:12-27, August 13th & 16th, 2026

Just me and Jesus.

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What is one hobby you are enjoying right now?

Read Aloud: John 13:34-35; 15:12-27

1. Jesus repeatedly commands His followers to “love one another.” What do you think He means by this command beyond simply having warm feelings toward other Christians? What stands out to you about the fact that Jesus says people will recognize His disciples by how they love one another?
2. Looking at the list of “one another” commands, which one is easiest for you to receive from others? Which one is hardest for you to practice toward others? Can you genuinely follow Jesus while intentionally avoiding meaningful relationships with other believers? Why or why not?
3. What is the difference between healthy solitude and unhealthy isolation? What does it look like to have a misunderstanding of belonging—to attend church but never truly allow yourself to belong?
4. What does Matthew 18:15–17 teach us about how Jesus expects believers to handle conflict? Why does Jesus give such a relational process for dealing with sin and conflict rather than telling us simply to walk away?