

Chosen Chosen for Binding

TALK IT OVER

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Key Scripture

¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. - Colossians 3:14-15

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." ²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back." ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise." - Luke 10:25-37

Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- What are some things that have united people in the past or present?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Colossians 3:14-15. How does love bind all the other virtues together in Colossians 3:12-13?
- What does it say that we were called to? Who calls us there and why?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- When trying to be humble, patient, or kind how does love play an active role in these things?
- According to the Parable of the Good Samaritan (on the left hand side), love is an action of the will. Do you typically think of love as an emotion or an action?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- Who is one person in your life that needs love shown to them in action?
- Is there a social cause that needs your love since it breaks your heart?
- Offer to help a neighbor this week, show love that unites us in perfect unity.

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.