



## ONE ANOTHERING ONE ANOTHER, PART 1: THE POWER OF ONE ANOTHER

Christians have not always presented a pretty picture to the world. Too often they have failed to show the beauty of love, the beauty of Jesus, the holiness of God. And the world has turned away. Is there then no way to make the world look again? Must Christians continue to stand with arms folded, going on in their old sweet ways, presenting to men a tarnished image of God—a shattered body of Jesus?

**THE BIG IDEA:** You can change the world by one anothering one another, one at a time.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Whom do you look most like—your Mom or your Dad? What trait do you share with other family members?
2. What are some famous companies and brands that you use? What are they known for?
3. How would you define “Christian”? Does the word have positive or negative connotations for you? Why?
4. How have your interactions with Christians shaped your perception of Jesus?
5. With your Bible or Bible App, [read John 13:34-35](#).  

*<sup>34</sup> So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. <sup>35</sup> Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”*  
[John 13:34-35 \(NLT\)](#)
6. What does Jesus tell His disciples to do? How is Jesus’ description of what it looks like to be his disciple surprising?
7. How would you define love from how Jesus loved? Why is love the best evidence that they are Jesus’ followers?
8. Think about someone in your sphere of influence who is difficult to love. What is it about that person that makes him or her difficult to love? What is one thing you can do this week to show that person love?
9. With your Bible or Bible App, [read John 17:20-21](#).  

*<sup>20</sup> “I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. <sup>21</sup> I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.”*  
[John 17:20-21 \(NLT\)](#)
10. What did Jesus pray for? Do you think most believers and most churches exemplify His prayer? Why or why not?
11. What kind of unity exists between God the Father and Jesus the Son? How does the church’s unity or disunity affect others?
12. At what point and with what group have you sensed the most unity and *one another-ness*? Athletic team? Army unit? Fraternity? Bible Study? Your family? Do you think it’s easier to find unity in groups inside or outside the church? Why?
13. Think of a special time when you enjoyed fellowship with other believers. Why did you enjoy it so much?
14. On a scale of 1 – 10, how does your spiritual community rank against Jesus’ standard of love? How could you increase its score?

## THINK ABOUT IT

Jesus said that, when it comes to his church, the world will believe when each part does its part. That's why many of us believe, isn't it? We met a part of the church that was doing his or her part. There was something irresistible and authentic about that person. The closest anyone will be to being in the presence of Jesus is being with his people when the members of the body are functioning like a body.

## WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Can you imagine what your workplace and community would be like if you loved the way Jesus calls us to love? Can you imagine what would happen in our nation—in our world—if Christians everywhere just began *one anothering*? How might your family change? Your work change? How might our world change?

## WEEKLY READING

Spend some time this week reading and reflecting on John 13:34-35, John 17:20-21, 1 John 4:7-11.