

MEMORY VERSE: John 13:35

By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

 | **ANNOUNCEMENT****Hayride, S'mores & More | October 16th | 6-8pm**

Join us for our annual hayride, s'mores and more! We will be kicking off fall with great food, games, music and friends! Its the fall event you don't want to miss. Be there and bring a friend (or ten)!

 | **ICEBREAKER**
SUSPENDED SHEETS

The object of this game is to see which team can suspend the most paper between their two elected players during a five minute time limit (adjust if needed).

- Set up: Divide into several teams. Each team will elect two participants who will not change. The rest of the team will coach the participants and place new sheets of paper.
- Rule 1: No two sheets of paper can touch
- Rule 2: Every sheet of paper must be in contact with both participants
- Rule 3: No adhesives can be used
- Rule 4: You cannot fold the paper

 | **OVERVIEW****BOTTOM LINE: TRUE DISCIPLES PUT THE NEEDS OF OTHERS BEFORE THEIR OWN**

As we begin our look at being true disciples of Christ by loving others, the first thing we discover is that we are supposed to lay down our lives for others just like Christ did. This was demonstrated most definitively when Christ gave up his own life by dying on the cross for all sinners ([John 3:16](#), [1 John 4:9](#), [Romans 5:8](#)). It means we are to lay our lives down for others, or put the needs of others before our own, regardless of their sins, flaws, imperfections, etc... As we do this, God begins to refine us and we shine the light of the good news of Jesus Christ in the world for all to see ([1 John 4:12-16](#)).

 | **DISCUSSION****TRUE DISCIPLES LOVE ONE ANOTHER! JOHN 13:35****HOW DID YOU FEED YOUR SOUL?**

- While you were reading the Word of God what did you learn?

- What is something that stuck out from the reading this week?
- What is something you learned that you didn't already know?
- What questions did you have from the reading?
- What did you study, research, or talk to others about as a result of the reading?
- As you were reading, meditating and praying the Word of God, how did you apply it by putting the needs of others before your own? What did the Holy Spirit lead you to work on to love others more?
- Who's needs does Jesus put before his own? What is their relationship to him?
- From the reading this week, who's needs are we to put before our own?

HOW DID YOU FEED YOUR FLESH?

- How did you struggle this week with selfishly putting your needs first?
- Who in your life is hard to love or do you struggle to put first? Why?
- How would Jesus treat that person? Why?
- What specifically could you have done differently to put someone else's needs before your own?
- Throughout the week, what other sins were you tempted with that the Holy Spirit is showing you need to let go of? How can we pray for you and help you stay accountable to the Holy Spirit?
- How many times did you miss reading this week? If you didn't read this week, why?

HOW DID YOU FEED OTHERS?

- How did you share your faith with a lost person or encourage another believer in their faith this week?
- Did you feel stirred by the Holy Spirit to share your faith with a lost person or to encourage another believer this week and not do it? Why not?
- If you are not sharing your faith and not hearing the Holy Spirit guiding you to share your faith, why do you think that is? What will you change?



CHALLENGE

BOTTOM LINE: True Disciples live in community & love one another

- Pray for someone in this group this week
- Read your Bible every day this week
- Memorize a verse or passage that the Holy Spirit speaks to you through
- Meditate, pray, journal about what you read
- Come back next week ready to talk about your week and **how you fed your SOUL? FLESH? OTHERS?**



TOPIC OVERVIEW

- Week 1: True Disciples live in community and love one another**
- Week 2: True Disciples put others' needs before their own**
- Week 3: True Disciples carry one another's burdens**
- Week 4: True Disciples pray for one another**
- Week 5: True Disciples encourage one another**
- Week 6: True Disciples sharpen one another**