

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)!

Family Worship Night | November 20 | 6:30-8pm

Parents and Students - You are invited for a special night of rockyouth! Join us Wednesday November 20th from 6:30-8pm for a family worship night. It's a great chance to learn alongside of your child and to model your own faith as we look at living a life of worship. We can't wait to see you there!

**OVERVIEW****BOTTOM LINE: TRUE DISCIPLES SHARPEN ONE ANOTHER**

When we think of friends, we think of people we enjoy spending time and having fun with. But this is not the sign of a true friend! Furthermore, it doesn't define a true disciple. A true friend is someone that will sharpen you or tell you that you have something in your life that is out of place and needs correction. While this is often hard to say and hard to be received, it is necessary if we are to show love for one another and be a true disciple.

**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 sharpening some one else? What did the Holy Spirit lead you to work on when you sharpen others?
- What did you learn about people in the Bible sharpening one another?
- Who are we to sharpen? What are we to sharpen them with? Is there anyone we shouldn't sharpen?

- If you see something out of place in a friend's life that you think you might need to help them see, what do you think the process of sharpening them should look like?

HOW DID YOU FEED YOUR FLESH?

- What distractions do you have in your life that make you too busy, making you miss opportunities or justify excuses to not sharpen others?
- How did you struggle this week with sharpen someone else?
- How many times did you pray for your person we chose from last week? If you missed or did not pray, why?
- Who in your life is hard to love and you do not want sharpen them? Why? What does this say about your friendship?
- What would Jesus do for that person?
- What specifically could you have done differently this week to help sharpen others?
- Did you feel sharpened by others? Do you crave additional sharpening? How have you struggled with feeling a lack of sharpening?
- 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? What can you change?

HOW DID YOU FEED OTHERS?

- How did you share your faith with a lost person or encourage another believer in their faith this week? Share any wins!!
- 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 feeling led to share your faith or seeing chances to sharpen others, why do you think that is? What will you change?



CHALLENGE

BOTTOM LINE: True Disciples encourage one another

- Everyone in the group choose someone's burden and pray for them every day this week. Send an encouraging message to them at least one time throughout this week and a verse that pertains to their burden to keep them sharp.
- 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**