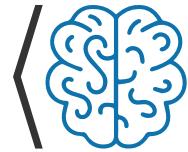


MEMORY VERSE: John 13:35

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 | **INTRODUCTION**
RECAP FROM CAMP

- **How God speaks** (Bible, Prayer, Circumstance)
- **Practical ways to hear God speak** (Read, Write, Memorize, Listen, Meditate, Pray, Talk, Community)



LESSON

True believers love one another-imperfections and all.

- **John 13:35** | By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
- **Ephesians 5:25-30** | 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that He might present to Himself the church [a]in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. 28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; 29 **for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church**, 30 because we are members of His body.

• **1 John 4:7-21**

- **We Love because God is love**
 - 7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.
- **Those who love are of God**
 - Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.
- **If you don't love you are not of God**
 - 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.
- **Jesus is our example- Romans 5:8 (while we were yet sinners Christ died for us)**
 - 9 God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. 10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.
- **Follow Jesus' example**
 - 11 Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.

DISCUSS & APPLY

When Jesus says we are to "LOVE" what does he mean we are supposed to?

Ephesians 5 defines love | Nourish and Cherish

- **When we love one another people see God**

- 12 No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us. 13 And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. 14 Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. 16 We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

- **Love is something that is worked on**

- 17 And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect.

- **Love is a sign of true Belief**

- So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. 18 Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.

- **Why we Love**

- 19 We love each other because he loved us first. 20 If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?

- **Conclusion**

- 21 And he has given us this command: **Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.**

DISCUSS & APPLY

Hypocrisy of Christians is the #2 reason people give for why they disbelieve in Christianity. How does your life help or hurt this statistic? What can you do to make this less true for people in your life?



CHALLENGE

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

- 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
 - How did you feed your soul?
 - How did you feed your flesh?
 - How did you feed 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