

MEMORY VERSE: John 13:35

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

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

Parents and Students - You are invited for a special night of rock youth! 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 - BITTERNESS & DIVISION**

We are all sinners. We make mistakes and in the process, we hurt people. Sometimes we even emotionally scar someone to the point that it seems irreconcilable. Sometimes the damage is done by others to us. This ends up leaving us with bitterness and division with a brother or sister in Christ. But that is not what Jesus teaches us to do. He teaches us in 1 John 4:20, "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? That being said if we do have bitterness in our heart towards someone, what must we do?"

**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 what you reading? What did the Holy Spirit lead you to work on to forgive or have peace with others?
- What did you learn about people in the Bible loving others with forgiveness?
- Who are we to love by forgiving them for the wrong they have done to us?
- If you have bitterness towards someone what are you supposed to do about it?

HOW DID YOU FEED YOUR FLESH?

- How did you struggle this week with bitterness towards someone else?
- Who in your life is hard to love and you do not forgive 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 forgive others?
- Did you feel you need forgiveness from others? What do you need to do to make that possible?
- 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 love others, why do you think that is? What will you change?



CHALLENGE

BOTTOM LINE: True Disciples deal with Bitterness and Division

- Search your heart this week and if the Holy Spirit points out anyone who you are bitter towards, talk with them one on one and deal with your bitterness this week.
- Choose one person you struggle to love or that you have feelings of bitterness, hate, or hurt towards. Commit to pray for them every day this week. Have everyone in the group choose one person to keep accountable in this area.
- 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 7: True Disciples put away bitterness and division

Week 8: True Disciples put away anger, gossip and backbiting

Week 9: True Disciples confront sin and repent when sinning

Week 10: True Disciples forgive and restore friendships

Week 11: True Disciples live as a living sacrifice