

VIRTUAL CIRCLES
My Circle #2

John 15:12

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

The primary virtue is:

John 20:19, John 21:1-2, Acts 2:1

Acts 2:44-47

44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

Expressed in two ways:

1. _____

2. _____

1 Peter 4:8

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

What are the virtues that are important for our circles that make them life-giving? This message will help listeners assess how they are treating their circle and if they are loving them just as Jesus loved His circle.

GETTING STARTED

1. What are your thoughts about Jesus giving his circle priority over everyone else?
2. Talk about a circle where you saw love modeled well. In which circle have you received the most love?

BIBLE IDEA

3. See John 13:34-35. Of all the things Jesus could have said we were to be known for, why was love the imperative? Why not belief? Why not good works? Why not bible knowledge? Why was love to be preeminent over everything else? (See Matthew 22:35-40)
4. Read Acts 22:44-47 What would you say loving your circle looks like in practical terms in our modern day? Which things on this list would be the most difficult for you?
5. Read 1 Peter 4:8 Why is this command a challenge for us? If you feel insufficient to love this way, what should you do? Would people in your circle be more likely to say that you are a “nice person”, or would they be more likely to say that you love them deeply? Why is giving your circle the priority of your love, time and involvement important?

NEXT STEPS

6. What obstacles are in the way of you loving your circle more? What changes would you and your circle need to make to love each other the way Jesus commanded?
7. What do you hope would be the outcome of your circle loving each other the way Jesus loved His circle?