

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

What if the simple act of loving each other the way Jesus showed us could propel our church to influence the world?

GETTING STARTED

1. Share a story of when you had to forgive a friend or family member. How does it affect you and those around you when you don't forgive?

BIBLE IDEA

2. Read Romans 12:16. What does harmony in the church body look like to you?
3. Read John 13:34-35 & 1 John 4:7-12. **Loving one another.** Why is loving one another a command (vs. 35)? What makes it possible for us to love one another (vs. 9-10)?
4. Read Romans 15:7-9. **Accepting one another.** Write down three words that describe YOU, and then share them. Discuss the diversity in your group. How is the Body of Christ built up, and God glorified, through your differences?
5. Read Galatians 5:13 & John 13:4-17. **Serving one another.** How are you challenged by Jesus's simple act of washing the disciples' feet? How have you been served by another recently? What did this mean to you?
6. Read Colossians 3:13 & Galatians 6:1-2. **Forgiving one another.** What makes it hard to forgive another? Is forgiveness about you or the trespasser? Who benefits and how? Talk about your answer. Why is forgiveness central to our beliefs as followers of Jesus?

NEXT STEPS

7. Take time this week to text, call, or email a person who needs to hear forgiveness from you. As you come back together, talk about the experience.