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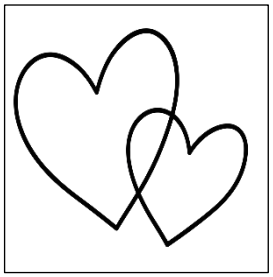
The church I pray you will be...

A church that loves one another



Loving one another should be the most normal thing to do, yet is it?

Looking for answers

Definition: loving one another is valuing one another as more important than yourself as you learn to show Jesus' love for you to one another.

Read John 13: 34-35

1. Why are all Christ's followers to love one another?
2. How are all Christ's followers to love one another?

Read 1 John 4: 7-12

3. Why are Christ's followers capable of loving one another?
4. Yet what does lovelessness reveal?
5. How does God's love for Christ's followers shape their love for one another?

Read Zechariah 7: 8-10

6. What expresses real love for one another?

Read Romans 12: 9-10

7. How can love for one another be sincere? Then why is this instruction issued?
8. How are all Christ's followers to love one another?

Read 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a

9. These words were a stinging rebuke for a lack of love. Yet how do they describe what authentic love for one another really ought to be?

Read Leviticus 19: 11-18

10. What compromises love for one another?
11. Why is this unloving behaviour inappropriate?
    a. What does it reveal about a relationship with God?

Making the life application…

1. How can you love one another as God has loved you?
2. What will loving one another look like if you love one another above yourself?
    a. What prevents you from loving one another above yourself?
    b. Why do you struggle personally to love one another?
3. How is love that's sincere expressed to one another? When is it insincere?
4. How can you show justice, mercy and compassion to one another?
5. Evaluate how well your love one another? Where are you falling short? And where do you need to improve?

Talking point...

If a stranger visited our church, what would show them that we love one another? Can we really grow as followers of Jesus if we don't love the people around us?

Asking God for help…

Dear Lord, help us to love one another just as Christ has loved us. Teach us to be kind, to share and to care for everyone in our church family so that others can see we love and follow You. Amen.