

CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week #5 - Why What You Wear Matters



GETTING STARTED

Have you ever worn something (a team jersey, uniform, logo, etc.) that instantly told people “who you follow” or “what you belong to”?

THIS WEEK’S THEME

What groups in your life have their own culture/clothing? What stands out about those identifiers?

The message challenged the idea that many Christians are “half-dressed.” What does that mean to you? Where have you seen Christianity drift toward rule-keeping rather than love?

Has there ever been a moment when someone’s compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, or patience made a significant difference in your life? Share if you’re comfortable.

Read John 13:34-35. Jesus doesn’t just say “Love one another”—He adds, “As I have loved you.” How is Jesus’ kind of love different from normal human love? What examples from the Gospels show Jesus loving people who didn’t “deserve it”?

When you hear Jesus say, “By this everyone will know you are my disciples,” What emotions rise up in you? Hope? Pressure? Conviction? Encouragement? Why?

Read Colossians 3:12-14. Of the things Paul says to clothe ourselves with, which one feels most natural to you? Which one feels hardest to “put on” daily? What does it look like for love to be the “outer layer”?

Paul says love “binds them all together in perfect unity.” How is love the thread that holds the whole list in place? Can these virtues exist without love? Why or why not?

TAKING IT HOME

If you were to pick one of these Christ-like “articles of clothing” to intentionally practice this week, which would it be and what would it look like?

PRAY

Jesus, thank You for loving us with a love that transforms. Help us put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience every day. Clothe us in Your love so that when people see us, they see You. Strengthen us to love others as You have loved us. Make our lives a living testimony of Your grace. Amen.