

#RESETCC

"I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples."

John 13:34-35 NLT

"The commandments say, 'You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet.' These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law."

Romans 13:9-10 NLT

HOW TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS

Be Respectful (*Honor your father and mother*)

Be Forgiving (*You must not murder*)

Be Pure (*You must not commit adultery*)

Be Generous (*You must not steal*)

Be Truthful (*You must not give false testimony*)

Be Grateful (*You must not covet*)

"I have loved you even as the Father has loved Me. Remain in My love. When you obey My commandments, you remain in My love, just as I obey My Father's commandments and remain in His love. I have told you these things so that you will be filled with My joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! This is My commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are My friends if you do what I command." **John 15:9-14 NLT**

**Bottom Line: God shows His love to you
so He can show His love through you**

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"Jesus replied, 'The most important commandment is this: Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. The second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these.'" Mark 12:29-31 NLT

STEPS TO RESET YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

● Receive God's Love To You

"God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins."

1 John 4:9-10 NLT

"But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." **Romans 5:8 NLT**

● Reflect God's Love Through You

"Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and His love is brought to full expression in us." **1 John 4:7-8;11-12 NLT**



This Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. Join one of our message-based Community Groups to do this study together. Visit the Groups table after service to find a group!

LESSON AIM: The aim of this lesson is to learn to reset our relationships.

BELONG in God's family:

CHECK IN: (optional) Let's briefly share with each other how we've been doing this week.

OPENING PRAYER

ICEBREAKER: How many of your neighbors do you know? Are there challenges to knowing and loving your neighbors? What are those challenges?

BECOME like Jesus:

1. On Sunday, we looked at what it means to love our neighbor as ourselves. How were you challenged?
2. For the Jews of Jesus day, Leviticus 19:9-18 was an example of what loving your neighbor looked like. In Matthew 22:34-39, Jesus boiled it down to two core principles – love God and love your neighbor. In what way does our love for God affect how we are able to love our neighbor?
3. In 1 John 4:20-21, we see that loving God and loving our neighbors are both part of the same calling. Matthew 5:43-48 tells us that loving our enemies moves us even closer to our heavenly Father's likeness. It can be hard enough to love our neighbors. Loving our enemies seems almost impossible. Why do you think Jesus calls us to this type of love?
4. We all know people for whom "Extra Grace is Required" from us to get along with them. How can we best model Christ's love for us as shown

in Psalm 103:8-10 and Ephesians 2:4-7 with people who stretch our patience and compassion?

5. Read Luke 10:25-37. Jews and Samaritans didn't like or trust each other. The injured man was in great need. The priest followed custom, the Levite followed custom, but the Samaritan saw the man's need, had pity on him, and took action. The last time you were faced with a "messy situation" where someone needed help, how did you respond? Why?

BLESS others:

How does our culture think love is demonstrated? How does God expect us to demonstrate love? Can you think of a new way to demonstrate God's love to a neighbor this week?

BUILD God's kingdom:

We're to love God first, and then our neighbors. In order to love God, we must know Him better. What do Jeremiah 29:13 and Hebrews 11:6 tell us about how we should prioritize learning about God? Share some of the specific ways you are doing this.

BELIEVE God and act in faith:

The Old Testament has some great foundational principles that apply to how we can love God. Read Deuteronomy 10:12-13, Micah 6:8 and Isaiah 1:17. Paul gives us the principles for loving our neighbor in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. How do you feel God encouraging you to apply these principles to the world around you? What is a next faith step for you?

PRAYER: What challenge are you facing this week? How can our group pray and support you?

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