

# How Not To Read The Bible

DISCUSSION GUIDE | May 17, 2026

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## BIG IDEA

*Paul's letters are designed to be community applications of Jesus' command to love one another*

**Message title:** *How (Not) To Read Paul's Letters*

**Scripture reading:** John 13:34 NIV

This teaching explores how Paul helped explain that followers of Jesus are no longer defined by the Old Covenant law, but by Jesus' New Covenant command: to love others as He loved us. Paul's letters were practical applications of Jesus' model of sacrificial love, calling Christians to live lives marked by humility, generosity, forgiveness, compassion, and self-giving love.

- 1. How does understanding the difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant change the way you read the Bible?*
  - 2. Paul's life was completely transformed after encountering Jesus. Where might God be inviting transformation in your life right now?*
  - 3. Why is loving "as Jesus loved" more challenging than simply following religious rules?*
  - 4. Which example of Jesus' love in the message impacted you the most personally — and why?*
  - 5. What is one relationship in your life where pride, fear, hurt, or comfort may be preventing you from loving like Jesus?*
  - 6. If Keystone became fully known for sacrificial love in this community, what impact do you think that could have on people far from God?*
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## THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

This week, before reacting, speaking, posting, correcting, defending yourself, or making a decision, pause and ask: "What does love require of me right now?" Not what is easiest. Not what protects your pride. Not what helps you win. But what most reflects the way Jesus loved you.

Who in your life right now would experience Jesus more clearly if you intentionally chose sacrificial love toward them this week?