

# TALK IT OVER

# WORDS TO LIVE BY LOVE

## THE ICE BREAKER

When you hear the word "love," what thoughts come to mind?

## THE JOURNEY

1. Read John 13:34-35 together.

**34** "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (NIV)

How do these three words... "love one another..." impact you and your relationship with God and others?

2. Agape love is a selfless and unconditional love and commitment to imperfect people. It's a love that is openly given to others without thought of whether they are worthy to receive it or not. It has little to do with emotion and a lot to do with action. Jesus' new command is for us to love one another by action and not merely talk about it or wait to feel it.

How are you actively loving others?

3. Our love for one another is fundamental to our relationship with Jesus Christ. Our love for one another is a test of our spiritual condition. We try to love in our own strength; and then when we disagree with, or become offended by someone, our own strength is not enough to carry us through to continue to love them. Before we can overcome in love, we must first be overcome by Jesus.

How has Jesus' love overcome you?

How does His love motivate you to love others?

4. Jesus' love is selfless, forgiving, sacrificial, and unconditional.

Is your love for others reflecting the kind of love that Jesus has for you?

How can your love be selfless, forgiving, sacrificial, and unconditional towards God and others?

## THE CHALLENGE

When Christians love one another, the Church becomes the greatest witness of Jesus to the world!

Who comes to mind that you need to intentionally and actively love?

**REMEMBER THAT A GROUP THAT PRAYS TOGETHER... STAYS TOGETHER!**