

### Radical Love #1(Palm Sunday)

"Now I begin to be a disciple. I care for nothing, of visible or invisible things, so that I may but win Christ. Let fire and the cross, let the companies of wild beasts, let breaking of bones and tearing of limbs, let the grinding of the whole body, and all the malice of the devil, come upon me; be it so, only may I win Christ Jesus!"

~Ignatius Theophorus - Bishop of Antioch 35AD-108AD~

### Why Did Jesus's Message Last?

#1 At The Core Of His Message Was A Brand NEW Kind Of Love.

#2 And At The Core Of His Experience Was A <u>RESURRECTION</u> (We will talk about on Easter)

#### A Brand New Kind Of Love:

- Every Human Being Who Has Ever Been Born Has Great <u>VALUE</u> To God
   "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34 (NIV)
- Your ENEMIES Have Great Value To God
- "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor" and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,..." Matthew 5:43-44
- WOMAN Have Great Value To God
   "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her."
   Ephesians 5:25
- You Will Give An <u>ACCOUNT</u> To God For How You Treat Others, Especially Those God Has Placed In Your Care.
- "Masters, treat your slaves with respect. You do justly by your slaves, because your master, your Savior, and their master, their Savior is one and the same,..." Colossians 4:1

### How Do We Practice This New Commandment of Love:

#1 We Have To Be The CHURCH For One Another

"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

#2 We Have To <u>ACCEPT</u> One Another.

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you..." Romans 15:7

#3 We Have To Be <u>SUBJECT</u> To One Another.

"...giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ." Ephesians 5:20-21



#### Life Groups

We believe that spiritual growth happens best in circles. Life groups provide a safe and encouraging environment to experience authentic Christian community, to love one another, grow faith and discover the life-giving truth of God's Word.

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# S.O.A.P Bible Study:

(S= Scripture O=Observations, A=Application P= Prayer)

- This week spend 20 minutes a day reading Scripture. You can find a great online reading plan at https://blog.youversion.com/2012/12/pick-a-great-reading-plan-from-youversion/
- Spend 20 minutes journaling your Observations, Application and Prayers. (If 40 minutes is overwhelming start with 20 or even 10 minutes "Start Small But Start Now")
- At Life Group take turn in sharing the observations and application that you have gleaned from this week's reading.

### **Discussion Questions:**

How does the history of the Christian faith influence the way you think about Christianity and the message of the Gospel?

# Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

- Why do you think the resurrection is so crucial to our Christian faith?
- What questions do you still have regarding the resurrection?

# Read John 13:34

- What, if any new insight have you received this week in regard to "the new commandment" to love one another?
- Now does this new command to love ascribe value to people?
- What other scriptures can you think of that reinforce this command to love one another in this radical new way?
- Consider the three practical ways we can practice this love:
  - 1) Be the church to one another (Galatians 3:28 & 1 Corinthians 12:12-14)
  - 2) Accept one another (Romans 15:7)
  - 3) Be subject to one another (Ephesians 5:20-21)
  - What can you do individually and as a group to implement these practices into your daily lives?

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