“Disciples of Jesus are Characterized by Love”  David Owens

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A. When it comes to _______, disciples of Jesus are supposed to be some kind of ____________.

B. The first element of a discipleship lifestyle is a commitment to developing __________ ________.

C. If you boil the message of the Bible down to its basic elements, it is about our relationship with _______ and our relationships with __________ (Mt. 22:37-40).

D. God has created us to be able to grow and flourish best in a ____________ of faith characterized by _________ relationships.

E. Jesus’ method for disciple making involved entering into the _______ of others and building ______________ with them.

F. Jesus formed relationships with others to show them how much ______ the Father ______ them.

G. Jesus’ relationships with others was characterized by _____________ love _______ ______ love.

H. Jesus tried to teach His disciples the primacy of serving people through loving relationships when He __________ their ________ (Jn. 13:12-15; 34-35).

I. Jesus concludes that being characterized by love is the evidence of our true ________________.

J. It is important that we know how much Jesus ______ us and how Jesus __________ His love (1 Jn. 3:16).

K. Jesus’ love transforms us into people who willingly ________ others with ______.

L. Love is the ___________ to many of the questions we face in life and ________.

M. In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul introduces the subject of love by emphasizing that love must be the _______ and ________ for the right things we do (1 Cor. 13:1-3).

N. Over and over, we notice that the message of the Bible is that love is _______ ____________ (Eph. 5:1-2; Gal. 5:6).

O. In the New Testament, the early church was all about __________ ____________ and didn’t equate the church with a building or an institution.

P. The word “church” is a translation of the Greek word ekklesia, which literally means “those ________ ______.”

Q. The best way to think of the church is to think of it as a large, spiritual ________ community, as an extended spiritual ________ (Acts 2:42-47).

R. The only way for disciples of Jesus to be effective in helping other disciples _______ or in helping non-Christians become ________ is through loving relationships.

S. We need to break through our culture of __________ and create the relationships that Jesus demonstrated and for which people are _______ and are ________ for.

Answer Key:  A. love, fanatics.  B. loving, relationships.  C. God, others.  D. community, loving.
J. loved, demonstrated.  K. serve, love.  L. answer, ministry.  M. motive, reason.  N. most, important.
O. relational, connectedness.  P. called, out.  Q. support, family.  R. grow, disciples.
S. isolation, made, longing.