

Loving Others

WARM-UP

1. Share an interesting story about where you live.
2. Have you ever done something to help or reach out to a neighbor? Share what happened.

WORD

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

John 13:34

Jesus is clear in His message that we should love other people in the same way that He loves us. Our love should not be based on how we love Jesus but on how Jesus loves us. This is interesting because Jesus did everything for us, even dying a painful death for us, to show us the true way to love.

1. Be selfless.

"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

John 15:13

Jesus' ultimate sacrifice to show us His love was to die on the cross for all our sins. In spite of the pain, Jesus was selflessly put into death so that we could be saved.

Because of how Jesus showed us His love, we can also be selfless by sharing what we have with others. When we do this, we reflect the love Jesus has for us and the love we have for Jesus, to others.

2. Do everything in love.

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 7:12

If we want to preach the gospel to others, we should not just tell them about Jesus. We should also live in a way that shows that we have His love in our hearts. When we do this, others will see and want to experience the same kind of love.

Remember, we are mirrors of God's love for all people. Whenever you share anything with others, do it out of love and not because anyone is forcing you to. As you love others, pray that they will see the love of God in your life.

APPLICATION

1. What have you learned from the lesson, and how will you apply it?
2. Think of a neighbor that you can share with or give something to.
3. Are you excited to share about Jesus to other people? Who are two people that you will communicate the love of God to this week?

PRAYER

1. Praise God for the selfless love that He gives to us.
2. Pray that God will remind you always that your neighbors and other people deserve to be loved without exception.
3. Pray that God will give you the courage to share about Jesus to other people.

