



THE ESSENTIALS [Resource Sheet]

One Body: John 13:34, 35*

Not Just Nice

October 9th, 2016

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Message NOTES:

I. A Distinct People

II. The Passage: "Just as I Have Loved You" (13:34, 35)

1. "Love"
2. "Just as"
3. "Commandment"
4. "New"

III. All People Will Know

* From our Four Essentials Memory Verses booklet. Hope you will join us as we memorize God's word together!

Growth Groups! [Questions to Get You Talking]

1. Talk with one another for a few minutes about what ideas stood out to you from Sunday's message, or what questions you might have after hearing it.
2. Have someone read I John 3:11-19. This passage has a lot to say about the new commandment to "love one another". Spend a few minutes talking about what it shows us (questions to consider: What does this love not look like? What does it look like? What does it reveal?)
3. Verse 18 talks about loving "in deed and in truth". Can you give some examples from your own experience of what John is describing here? How did Jesus exemplify this truth about loving others?

From Knowing to Showing

The health of any church family can be measured by whether they genuinely "love one another". Be honest and consider what keeps you from loving fellow Christians in the way Jesus and John describe. Do you feel loved by brothers and sisters in Christ? If not, what could be some reasons for that? Pray and ask God to change you, that you would be the change the church needs.

Pointers for Parents

Make sure to pray with your kids for other members of the church family, whether this be at a meal or at bedtime. Help them learn the importance of God's people, the importance of caring for one another with His love, and that prayer is an expression of this love.

REMINDERS

* Our **Growth Groups** are not meeting the next two weeks. All groups, including our **Youth Growth Group** (grades 6-12), will resume the week of October 23rd.

* Our next **Men's Breakfast** is scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd at 7:30am at the Way of Grace Ministry House. Men and young men 13-113 are invited!

* We will be hosting an informational meeting on **Partnership** on Sunday, October 23rd. We hope you will *save the date* and come learn more about this local church.

* God has given so generously to us. In response, let's give generously to God's work through this local church. Your **tithes and offerings** may be placed in the offering box in back.