

Sunday Sampler

Lesson 2 - Relationships

With
Like
For
JESUS

Biblical Metaphors

The Body of Christ



Living Stones

Kingdom of God



Family of God

Branches in the Vine



Relationships

Our relationships with one another are critical to the health of the Church.

Healthy relationships are founded on and sustained by **LOVE**. Everything we do or say to or about another person must be motivated by love.

Jesus Said:

John 13:34-35

34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 15:12

12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Commandments

1. DO NOT WORSHIP OTHER GODS
2. DO NOT MAKE IDOLS
3. DO NOT MISUSE GOD'S NAME
4. KEEP THE SABBATH HOLY

5. HONOR PARENTS
6. DO NOT MURDER
7. DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY
8. DO NOT STEAL
9. DO NOT LIE
10. DO NOT COVET

When we receive a commandment from God, what are we supposed to do?

Recognize our inability to fulfill it and trust Christ to fulfill it in us.

10 Commandments Summary



**LOVE GOD
WITH ALL
YOUR HEART,
SOUL AND
MIND.**

**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR
AS
YOURSELF**

The commandment to love is likewise not possible for us to fulfill on our own!

What Kind of Love is Commanded?

Phileo (φιλεο) – affection, brotherly love, liking someone

Eros (εροσ) – passion, sexual expression both appropriate and inappropriate

Agape (αγαπη) – holding someone in high esteem, seeing value in them and seeking the best for them even though they don't deserve it and it's going to require self sacrifice. Agape is expressed to others without regard to what they deserve. It is not sentimentality; it is the way God loves each of us.

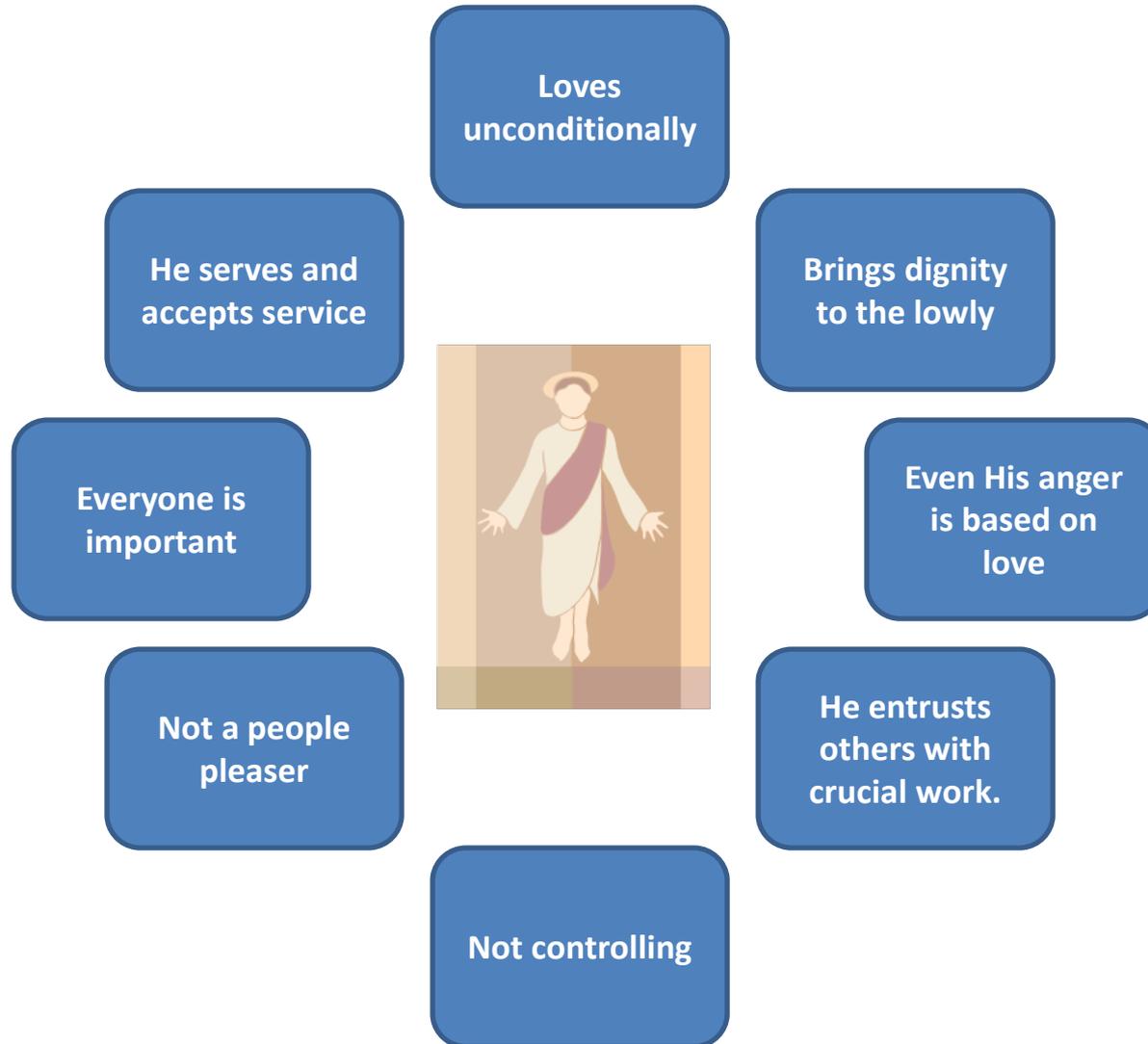
Biblical Definition

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. NRSV

Love Is	Love Is Not
Patient	Envious
Kind	Boastful
Rejoices in the truth	Arrogant
Helps carry the burdens of others	Rude
Hopes for what is best	Self Absorbed
Has staying power	Irritable
	Resentful or Vindictive
	Enjoying sin
	Skeptical

How does Jesus Relate to Others?



“One Another” Scriptures

The Word:

Romans 12:9 & 13

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. NLT

Romans 14:19

So then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another. (NASB)

Philippians 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. (NASB)

Hebrews 10:24-25

Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near. (NASB)

“One Another” Scriptures

The Word: (continued)

Romans 15:7

Wherefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. (NASB)

Ephesians 4:32

And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. (NASB)

1 Thessalonians 5:15

See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all men. (NASB)

Ephesians 5:21

Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. (NRSV)

Principles & Applications

Principles:

- Love hates sin because it destroys the loved one.

Applications Questions:

When you see someone commit sin, should you confront them or not?

Do you reject someone or look down upon them when they are caught in a sin?

- Love enjoys offering genuine praise to others.

Applications Questions:

Do you refrain from praising others openly?

If yes, is it because you don't want them to become prideful or because you secretly want to be exalted instead?

Do you ever use praise as a manipulation tool?

- Love is on the alert to the needs of others.

Applications Questions:

Are you too focused on your own problems and interests to be aware of the needs of others?

When you see someone in need, do you avoid stopping to help?

Principles & Applications

Principles:

- Love eagerly welcomes opportunities to serve others.

Applications Questions:

What causes you to hold back from serving others?

What are your expectations from those whom you have helped?

Is it easier for you to serve than allow someone to serve you?

- Love is not earned; it is given to those who do not deserve it.

Applications Questions:

Do you avoid people who behave in a manner contrary to your beliefs?

Do people need to prove themselves to you before you will accept them?

Principles & Applications

Principles:

- Love forgives before the offender repents.

Applications Questions:

If someone repeatedly does you wrong, are you willing to continually forgive them?

Does forgiveness mean the offender is free from the consequences of their actions?

What part should you play in bringing consequences to bear for the wrongs done to you?

- Love willingly concedes to the wishes of others.

Application Questions:

Do you need to have the last word in a disagreement?

Do you usually get to do things the way you want to do them? What happens when someone crosses you?

One Last Question?

If your answers to the preceding questions show room for improvement, what do you need to do to bring about the needed changes?

Spend more time with Jesus and trust Him to change you from the inside out!