

# LOVING ONE ANOTHER

John 13:33-35

Week of August 13, 2023

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## BELONG

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**Ask this Ice Breaker Question:** When you get a gift card as a gift, how do you generally think about using it? For instance: Do you think about using it for a personal gift? Do you think about using it for a practical need? Do you think about donating it to a charity? Or do you put it in your wallet or purse and completely forget about it?

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## BELIEVE

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Leader Context (not to be read aloud):

*This guide is based off of a guest speaker Sunday in John 13.*

**Have someone in your group read aloud: John 13:33-35**

**Ask these questions to prompt group discussion:**

1. **Jesus calls us “little children.” What do you make of the idea that Jesus looks on each of us as his little children?**

Leader Context (not to be read aloud):

*This could be understood as a condescending phrase, except for the fact that over and over again Jesus says “Let the little children come to me.” For Jesus, this was a term of endearment.*

2. **Often times, the last words of a person are the most important and significant words they will utter. Why do you think that Jesus put such emphasis on us loving one another?**

**Leader Context (not to be read aloud):**

**Jesus raises the stakes on His love ethic. Not only are we called to love one another – we are told that “loving one another” will be our calling card. Other people will literally know if we are true Christians by our love, one for another.**

3. **Although loving one another is supposed to be our calling card, most people do not see this kind of ethic in Christians. What do you see is the calling card that the world most associates with Christianity?**

Leader Context (not to be read aloud):

- Political Parties
- Abuse
- Crazy cults



- Being against music or movies

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**BECOME:**

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4. How might God be leading you to make “loving one another” more prominent in your doing, your thinking, and your feeling?

