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By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another
- John 13:35

Service Discussion Guide

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Instructions

This discussion guide is to help you facilitate a conversation with your small group. The “Getting Started” section serves as a quick opener and introduction to the group conversation. In the “Talk it Over” section, feel free to use all or only some of the questions. Again, our hope is to have meaningful and encouraging conversations around the passage used in the sermon, not simply answer all the questions. Give each member of your group opportunity to respond. Take your time. Finally, the “Live it Out” section is to help identify a specific next step. Use these questions as a guide to find practical ways to apply the passage to our everyday life.

Getting Started

- ▼ What stood out to you in this week’s sermon? What is one thought from the message that made you hopeful? What prompted questions?

Talk it Over

- ▼ **Read Colossians 3:5-14.** Why is Paul’s instruction to “put off” (selfish desires) and “put on” (virtues) so important for living out our faith? What is the relationship between the “put off/put on” instructions and the command to “bear with” and “forgive” one another? How do these virtues work together so that we are more prepared to bear with/forgive others? In what ways does love “bind” these things together in “perfect harmony” (v 14)?
- ▼ **Read Matthew 18:21-35.** Why is Jesus’ response to Peter so remarkable? What is Jesus trying to teach His disciples (and us) through the parable? Why does forgiving others seem so difficult sometimes? How does unforgiveness keep us from healthy relationships? Why are we called to “bear with” one another and not just “forgive”? What is the difference? In what ways can “bearing with” someone be more difficult than forgiving someone for an offense against you?
- ▼ Why does Paul connect forgiving others with the forgiveness we have received from God in Christ? How does this empower us to love, bear with, and forgive others? What is one practical step you can take to become more willing and prepared to “bear with” others in your life? How does God’s Word and God’s Spirit help with this?

Live it Out

- ▼ Who is the one person this week who you know needs you to “bear with” or forgive them? How can you most clearly put that on display this week?



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