

One Another

Love one another – Romans 13:8, 1 Thessalonians 4:9, 1 Peter 1:22, 1 John 3:11 & 23,
1 John 4:7,11,12; 2 John 5

Be devoted to one another – Romans 12:10

Honor one another – Romans 12:10

Live in harmony with one another – Romans 12:16

Stop passing judgment on one another – Romans 14:13

Build up one another – Romans 14:19

Accept one another – Romans 15:7

Instruct one another – Romans 15:14

Greet one another with a holy kiss – Romans 16:16, 1 Corinthians 16:20,
2 Corinthians 13:12, 1 Peter 5:14

Have equal concern for one another – 1 Corinthians 12:25

Serve one another – Galatians 5:13

Do not provoke or envy one another – Galatians 5:26

Carry one another's burdens – Galatians 6:2

Bear with one another – Ephesians 4:2, Colossians 3:13

Be kind and compassionate to one another – Ephesians 4:32, 1 Thessalonians 5:15

Submit to one another – Ephesians 5:21

Consider one another better than oneself – Philippians 2:3

Do not lie to one another – Colossians 3:9

Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another – Colossians 3:13

Encourage one another – 1 Thessalonians 4:18

Spur one another on to good deeds – Hebrews 10:24

Do not slander one another – James 4:11

Do not grumble against one another – James 5:9

Confess your sins to one another – James 5:16

Pray for one another – James 5:16

Offer hospitality to one another – 1 Peter 4:9

Clothe yourself with humility toward one another – 1 Peter 5:5



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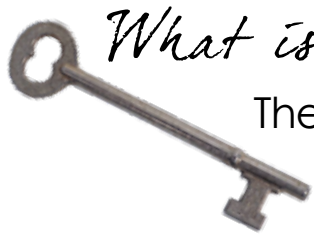
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The ethic of the Kingdom

The practice of the Kingdom ethic

Sacrifice

Mutuality



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Message-based Group Lesson

Overview

While we are called to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom, this proclamation is most powerful when people can see it being lived out day by day by God's people. The core ethic of this Kingdom life is love. In fact a radical commitment to live out Kingdom life serves our proclamation in two significant ways. First it demonstrates to the world a different way to live than for oneself, showing what a true transformational community looks like. The community of love stands as a *warning* and a *witness*. It is a warning of how destructive life without God is and it is a witness to how fulfilling and life-changing it can be. Second, living in a community based on sacrificial love strengthens us to be better at facing the challenge that comes from being proclaimers of a message that challenges the ways of this world. If we were really advancing the kingdom, then the reality of true community would be seen by us as far more essential than it is now. The two go hand in hand.

A glance through the NT descriptions of a life of mutual loving commitment gives us an insight into the challenge and possibility of achieving this goal. While there are many ways we could study this, looking at all the "one another" commands of the NT letters will serve as a good guide. When put side by side these commands describe the kind of life that would truly move us toward our goal of seeing lives transformed in a Christ-centered community.

Engaging with each other

1. Describe a time when you valued something primarily because it was valued by someone you cared about.

Engaging with the Bible

1. According to 1 John 4:7 what is the source of our ability to love one another?

2. How did God demonstrate that love? What does that imply for us?

3. Read 1 John 3:11-15. What assurance does the fact that we love one another give us? What does its absence indicate?

4. How does our living in a loving community serve as both a warning and a witness to the world?

Engaging with our lives

1. Why is it so hard to sacrificially love one another? What is the danger of not demonstrating this mutual love? (Discuss for a few minutes then look up John 17:23.)
2. Which of the "one anothers" listed on the back don't come naturally to you? What could enable you to love this way?
3. Think back to your answer to the first question under "Engaging with each other" and realizing that God greatly values people you have difficulty loving, how might this help you love one another?