



**DISCIPLESHIP**

**LOVE LIKE NO OTHER**

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**PURPOSE**

LIVE OUT OUR FAITH IN JESUS AND INVITE OTHERS INTO LIFE WITH HIM

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**1 JOHN 4:7-8 ESV**

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

**1 JOHN 4:19 ESV**

We love because He (God) first loved us.

**JOHN 3:16 ESV**

“For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

**As disciples, God’s love is what saves us and enables us to love others.**

**JOHN 14:15 ESV**

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

**JOHN 13:34-35 ESV**

<sup>34</sup> “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5 ESV**

<sup>1</sup> But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.

<sup>2</sup> For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

**MATTHEW 22:37-39 ESV**

<sup>37</sup> And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment.

<sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

**PHILIPPIANS 2:1-3 ESV**

<sup>1</sup> So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

<sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

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**As disciples, we love rightly when we take the focus off of ourselves and focus instead on God and others.**

**JOHN 15:12-13 ESV**

<sup>12</sup> This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.  
<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

**As disciples, we love well when we lay down our lives by putting others first.**

**JOHN 15:9-11 ESV**

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

**EPHESIANS 5:25 ESV**

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her joy may be full.

**As disciples, we can experience the fullness of joy when we love with a love-of-God-influenced attitude.**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. What do you think when you hear that "God is love" in Ephesians 4:8? How does understanding aspects of love help us to know God?
2. What percentage of your time is spent thinking about yourself rather than thinking about God or others? What would it look like to try to keep God and others as priorities in your life?
3. What does laying down your life look like this season? What are the places where you need to adjust your attitude about how you serve others so God can help make it joyful?

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