

TAKING IT HOME

1. **K.I.S.S. (Keep It Simple Silly).** Christianity is often looked at as a long list of rules that are hard to or impossible to remember, let alone follow. What one truth/verse from this week's sermon/study do you need to remember to bring a doable simplicity into your understanding of what God commands us?

2. **Working It Out in Your Extremities?** 1 John 4:12 says: "No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." What is ONE way that you will commit to this week to allow God's love to be made complete in you by loving another person?

I commit to do the following this week:

NEXT STEPS

Which of these NEXT STEPS will you do in order to encourage people to begin, resume or continue their spiritual journey?

- Join a Small Group for the DISCIPLE series.
- Become a disciple by placing your faith in Christ.
- Identify with Jesus' death/resurrection by being baptized into Christ.
- Make one significant change in your obedience to Christ's teachings.
- Make a kingdom introduction with someone on your Pi2 card.
- Your Next Step: _____

PRAYER REQUESTS

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DISCIPLE
Loving Everyone
John 13:33-35, Matthew 22:34-40

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Loving Everyone

³³"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
³⁵By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:33-35 (NIV84)

Q: What Does a Disciple Do?

Discipleship is a heart issue that works itself out through all of our extremities.

Being taught to obey is an extremity issue.

There are 613 OT and 1050 NT commands.

The command of Christ covers them all:

Love One Another

- It is the identifying action of a disciple.
- It is the inclusive action of a disciple.
- It is the summarizing action of a disciple.
- It is the enveloping action of a disciple.
- It is the God-revealing action of a disciple.

Motion: Actively Love Everyone

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Deepening Your Walk with God

For the week of March 20, 2016

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from *Loving Everyone*, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

(Be sure to check out lakeviewowego.com for additional resources for this week's sermon.)

MY STORY

1. What is your biggest struggle with loving others?

2. Was there someone whose love made a significant difference in your understanding God's love?

DIGGING DEEPER

Pray that God would help you to better understand the connection between our love towards others and His love towards us.

1. **Old and New.** Read 1 John 2:7-11, Matthew 22:34-40, and John 13:33-35.

In 1 John, the Apostle John says he is writing a command that is both, "not a new command, but an old one", and "is a new command." What might John mean by both of these statements? How might the passages from the Gospel of Matthew and Gospel of John inform these statements?

"I am not writing you a new command but an old one"

"I am writing you a new command."

2. **Laying Down Our Lives.** Read John 3:16-18 several times. Following the logic that John uses in these verses, what is the practical outworking of our laying down our lives for others just as Jesus laid down His life for us?

Give an example of how you did this over the past week and a way you can do this over the upcoming week.

Last week:

This week.

3. **The Command of God.** Read John 3:21-24. Reread the command of God in verse 23 numerous times, thinking about its simplicity and its implications.

How does this statement parallel the statement that Pastor Todd has shared the last three weeks: "*Discipleship is a heart issue that works itself out through all of our extremities?*"

Read John 4:7-12. Break down these verses, statement by statement. How do each of these statements fit into the two statements of God's command to us presented in John 3:21-24?

How might you use just these two sections of scripture to present the Gospel to someone?