

Essential Fellowship: 7 of 10
“How To Love The People In Our Lives”
Cornerstone Church Of Poway
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Big Idea: We can know the joy of life if we walk together in His light.

To Love The People In Our Lives We Should:

1. Love People Regardless Of Their Response

“This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should **love one another.**”

1 John 3:11 (NIV)

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is **angry** with his brother will be **subject to judgment**. Again, anyone who says to his brother, '**Raca,**' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, '**You fool!**' will be in danger of the fire of hell.” **Matthew 5:21-22 (NIV)**

“Do not be like **Cain**, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brothers were righteous.”

1 John 3:12 (NIV)

“Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought **some of the fruits of the soil** as an offering to the LORD. But Abel brought fat portions from **some of the firstborn** of his flock. **The LORD** looked with **favor on Abel** and his offering, but on **Cain** and his offering **he did not look with favor**. So Cain was **very angry**, and his face was **downcast**. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are **you angry?** Why is your **face downcast?** **If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?** But if you do not do what is right, **sin is crouching at your door**; it desires to **have you**, but you must **master it.**" Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.” **Genesis 4:2-8 (NIV)**

“Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. **"In your anger do not sin"**: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a **foothold.**”

Ephesians 4:25-27 (NIV)

“Do not be **surprised**, my brothers, if the world **hates** you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because **we love our brothers**. Anyone who does not love remains in death. Anyone who **hates his brother is a murderer**, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. This is how we know what love is: **Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.**”

1 John 3:13-16 (NIV)

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2. Love With Compassionate Generosity

“If anyone has **material possessions** and **sees his brother in need** but has **no pity** on him, **how can the love of God be in him?** Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but **with actions and in truth.**” **1 John 3:17-18 (NIV)**

“I really don’t need to write to you about this **ministry of giving** for the believers in Jerusalem. For I know how eager you are to help, and I have been boasting to the churches in Macedonia that you in Greece were ready to send an offering a year ago. In fact, it was **your enthusiasm that stirred up** many of the Macedonian believers to begin giving.” **2 Corinthians 9:1-2 (NLT2)**

“Remember this—a farmer who plants only a **few seeds will get a small crop**. But the one who **plants generously will get a generous crop**. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives **cheerfully.**” And God will generously provide **all you need**. Then you will always have everything you need and **plenty left over to share with others.**” **2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NLT2)**

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3. Keep Love Simple: Love Jesus And Love Others

“This then is how **we know that we belong to the truth**, and **how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us**. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and **receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.**

And **this is his command**: to **believe** in the name of his Son, **Jesus Christ**, and to **love one another** as he commanded us. Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: **We know it by the Spirit he gave us.**” **1 John 3:19-24 (NIV)**

“Love is **patient**, love is **kind**. It does **not envy**, it does **not boast**, it is **not proud**. It is **not rude**, it is **not self-seeking**, it is **not easily angered**, it keeps **no record of wrongs**. Love does **not delight in evil** but **rejoices with the truth**. It **always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.**” **Love never fails.**” **1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NIV)**

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➤ **How will you change the way you treat people?**

To love like Jesus, I will:

- Love regardless of response
- Love with compassionate generosity
- Keep love simple: love Jesus and love others
- Ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss]

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Open in Prayer

Icebreaker: Who in your life loves you “no matter what?”

1 John 3:11-24

To Love The People In Our Lives We Should:

1. Love People Regardless Of Their Response

Read 1 John 3:11-12

John once again challenges us to love instead of hate. What was going on in John’s day that would make loving people instead of hating them so challenging?

Why is this such a big challenge for us today?

Read Matthew 5:21-22

How does Jesus challenge us in our behavior?

Have you ever been guilty of this?

What helps you to overcome this problem?

Read Genesis 4:2-8

What do you learn about Cain’s behavior and his heart?

What do you learn about the Lord in this confrontation?

Read Ephesians 4:25-27

What insight does the Bible give us when we get angry?

What are some helpful ways that you have learned to resolve conflict?

Read 1 John 3:13-16

If we show love and kindness to everyone, why would the world hate us?

What example did Jesus give us to follow?

2. Love With Compassionate Generosity

Read 1 John 3:17-18

What are some practical needs in our community that we as a church help provide?

What is something that you and your family can do in the next few weeks?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:1-8

What do you learn about the ministry of giving?

How does the analogy of farming help you understand the ministry of giving better?

What is God's promise for you when you give?

3. Keep Love Simple: Love Jesus And Love Others

Read 1 John 3:19-24

According to this passage, what helps us to have confidence when we pray?

What command does John remind us of?

How can you demonstrate love for Jesus and others this coming week?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Which attribute of love comes more natural for you?

Which attribute of love is the most challenging for you?

Which attribute will you work on this week?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.
