



WEEKEND RESOURCES | OCTOBER 27, 2024

We Need a Rebrand

USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE DURING YOUR STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

Message Recap: Jesus came and asked us to follow Him. So why do we follow other Christians instead? All kinds of people call themselves “Christian,” but there is only one Jesus, and he commands us to love. When we look at God’s Word, we see His love changes lives. Everyone matters to God. If we want to spread the good news, we need to love God and love people.

» Main Points

- Christianity needs a rebrand.
- His Law is Love.
- Our Source is the Spirit.

» Getting Started

- How might people complete this statement based on how Christians show up today?
 - They will know we are Christians by our _____.

» Observation

- Read and reflect on [John 13:33-35; 14:15-17, 25-26; Matthew 22:36-40; 5:43-44](#)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses?

reachout

- What makes it most challenging to love your neighbors, co-workers, and other people around you? Is it their political views and opinions, the fact that they aren’t like you, the fact that they don’t like you, the way they treat you, you don’t understand why they do what they do? Try to figure out ways this week to show love to people that are difficult to love.

growdeep

- Reread John 13:33-35. Break down what it practically looks like to “love one another.” In your opinion, how do Christians love others well? How can they love better?
- Compare John 13:33-35 with Matthew 22:36-40. What similarities do you notice? What are some differences?
- Reread John 14:15-17 and consider John 13:33-35. How do followers of Jesus show love to each other? To Jesus? In what ways do you see this happening in your life and the lives of other Christians?

partner with families

- This week, talk with your family about who and what you follow. In your kids’ lives, it could be a teacher or friends. For you, it may be other Christians, like we heard about in this week’s message, or a friend or boss. We believe that following Jesus is what makes life better. How can your family orient towards following Jesus this week? Come up with some action steps together. (Ideas: family devotional time at dinner each day, reading the words of Jesus from Matthew 5, 6, and 7 and discussing what they mean).

» Next Steps and Prayer

- Commit to reading or listening to Matthew 5, 6, and 7 over the next three weeks. Read it multiple times in different translations. What do you learn about who Jesus is by reading or listening to his teachings?
- Close by praying this prayer: Jesus - Help me to follow you so that people will know I’m a Christian because of my love for others.