

Church People Are The Worst... || Rebrand || Week 2

John 13:34-35

INTRODUCTION

The words used to describe Christians today often bear no resemblance to the one-word Jesus wanted His followers to be known. What would it look like if we got it right? What if we as Christians embodied this one word? What if our behavior was so consistent with this word folks around us were drawn to us and therefore to God. The one word is love.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

Anne Rice stated she was fully committed to Following Jesus but did not want the label Christian.

- Have you ever been embarrassed to admit you were part of something (your own family, a group of people, a place you worked, an event in which you participated, etc.)?
- Why did you feel this way?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever had a moment where you felt like you had to "qualify" you were a Christian?
2. In your opinion, how has the Christian world done over the years in loving people and being recognized as Jesus' disciples by our love? What can you do to make love for others a bigger part of your life?
3. Tell of a time when you showed love to someone who didn't deserve it. Why did you show love in that situation and how did the person respond?
4. Read aloud **Leviticus 19:18**. What did Jesus add to this command that makes it new? What does Jesus say that qualifies or defines the type of love He is commanding His disciples to have?
5. Read aloud **1 John 4:19**. What does it mean that we love Him because He first loved us?

6. What would true Christian love (as disciples) look like if Jesus' example was truly followed? How can you follow the example of love He displayed on the cross?

7. What are some of the costs of Christians being more concerned with following rules than loving others? How might it influence the way non-church people view God?

8. Read **Matthew 25:35–40**. In what ways does this passage demonstrate the “love” we are to show others as a Christian?

PRAYER

God: When we think of the depth of Your love for us, we are overwhelmed. We cannot love as You love unless You pour Your supernatural love in and through us. Thank You we are being conformed into the likeness of Jesus. May the seed of love You planted within our hearts blossom into a Godly love. Use us to share Your love in our community and our church. AMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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