

John 15:9-16 /// Week of March 26

Today's big idea: holiness is obedience and love.

- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- Share with the group when you first fell in love with your spouse. If you are single, share about your first love or first crush. How did you know it was love or what attracted you to that person?
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

This text may be difficult to do with Storytelling because it is simply a teaching of Jesus. Feel free to read the text multiple times from different translations.

- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of loving your enemies.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from John 15:9-16 in the Bible.
- What lessons about love come from this text?
- What lessons about obedience come from this text?
- What is the distinction between servant and friend?

Heart

Both of these are questions of evaluation. Group members will probably be slow to answer. Be ready to lead by going first.

- How are you doing when it comes to remaining or abiding in God's love? What helps the most or keeps you from it?
- Servant, friend, chosen, appointed: which role do you connect with most, which role do you connect with the least, and why?

Hands

In regard to the challenge try to help group members connect both obedience and love. Holiness isn't just following rules. It is setting boundaries in order to love others completely as we love God completely.

- As a group, list out several ways that you could "lay down your life" in order to love those around you.
- How is God challenging you to live holy and love others?
- Close in prayer together.



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Community Group Member Covenant

- I will make attendance a priority in my schedule and involvement a priority in my participation.
- I will build trust by holding in confidence those things shared in the Community Group.
- I will engage with a disciple maker—someone that will help me grow as a disciple of Jesus and teach me how to be a disciple maker as well.

Community Group Apprentice Covenant

- I will pray for the Community Group Members daily.
- I will accept the responsibility to invite and welcome others into the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple someone in the Community Group beyond group meetings focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, and others they are discipling.
- I will seek to multiply the Community Group and not just grow the group.
- I will talk with my Community Group Leader each week and meet monthly beyond group meetings.

Community Group Leader Covenant

- I will pray for the Community Group Members daily.
- I will accept the responsibility to invite and welcome others into the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple someone in or out of the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple an apprentice focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, leadership skills they are developing in the group meeting and others they are discipling.
- I will seek to multiply the Community Group and not just grow the group.
- I will talk with my Community Group Coach each week and meet monthly.

Community Group Coach Covenant

- I will pray for my assigned Community Group Leaders daily.
- I will relationally disciple someone.
- I will call my assigned Community Group Leaders each week focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, process group time and their progress with their apprentice.
- I will meet with my assigned Community Group Leaders each month.
- I will talk with my Community Group Pastor every other week and meet together each month.