

DISCUSSION GUIDE

LOVE ONE ANOTHER
The Gospel of John — Week 50

ICEBREAKER: What do you recommend to overcome self-pity?

OVERVIEW: Before Jesus died He gave a new command to His disciples – to love one another the way He loved them. God wants us to love everyone, but especially other believers. This is more than a command; it is a profound spiritual truth. It shows that God loves His children because He commands us to care for one another. It reveals God’s primary method of caring for us – other believers. It teaches us that we need the love of other believers, and the practice of loving other believers to live a victorious Christian life. It also instructs us about one of the primary purposes of the church – not just to reach out in evangelism, but to reach in with loving fellowship and service. In this discussion we will go deeper with how to carry out Christ’s command to love each other.

1. Read John 13:34-35. What insight, principle, or observation from this week-end’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday’s message?)
2. In John 13:34-35, Jesus called this a “new command.” What was new about it?
3. What is love?
4. Christ’s new command was for us to love one another as He has loved us. How did Christ love people?

5. Read Galatians 6:2. How does this verse say we are to fulfill Christ’s command (the law of Christ)? What are some real-life examples of carrying one another’s burdens?
6. How have other believers carried your burdens?
7. How have you carried other believer’s burdens?
8. What are some hindrances to loving other believers ?

The Last Word: Your devotion to God is illustrated, demonstrated, and authenticated by your love for others. Andy Stanley