

INTRODUCTION

John chapters 13-17 are often called the “Upper Room Discourse”, when Jesus is observing the Passover meal with His disciples. The discourse begins with Jesus washing the disciples’ feet, and ends with His high priestly prayer. In the midst of this discourse He uses the picture of a vine to describe the relationship between His Father, Himself, and believers, and directs us to abide or remain in Him. What does this look like as we hang out @HOME?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Besides Jesus, what do you think is the most powerful depiction of love in a book or in the movies?
2. Read John 15:5-17. Discuss your first impressions from this passage.
3. Jesus does not command us to bear fruit. What does He command us to do?
4. How do we abide or remain in Him (see verse 10)? What are some spiritual disciplines that help you remain in Christ?
5. If you remain or abide in Christ completely, how would that change the way you relate to others?
6. Think about the relationships you have, and your involvement at Fellowship. Do you love as Jesus loved you? What does this mean? What are some practical things you can do to love your fellow believers?
7. Re-read John 15:12 and 17. What command does Christ give?
8. There are many passages that are considered “one another” passages in the New Testament. Read the following and describe the action you are to show to fellow believers:

Mark 9:50 _____

John 13:34, Romans 13:8, I John 4:11-12 _____

Romans 12:10 _____

Roman 14:13 _____

Romans 15:7 _____

Study Questions for Community Groups

Galatians 5:13 _____

Galatians 6:2 _____

Ephesians 4:32 _____

Colossians 3:13 _____

I Thessalonians 5:11 _____

Hebrews 10:24 _____

James 5:9 _____

That’s a LOT of “one anothers”, and it’s not even a complete list! What challenges you most about these commands?

9. Read the Scripture below and note what it has to say about fruit:

Galatians 5:22-23 _____

2 Peter 1:5-8 _____

Colossians 1:9-12 _____

10. What is the relationship between bearing fruit and loving one another?

SCRIPTURE

⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in Me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to My Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. ¹⁰If you keep My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commands and remain in His love. ¹¹I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are My friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in My name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is My command: Love each other. John 15:5-17

APPLICATION

Go to survey.loveoneanotherbook.com and take the Love IQ test. Go over the findings and see areas in which you are weak. Pray that the Spirit would make you more sensitive in those areas in order to ‘love one another’ better.