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A NEW KIND OF LOVE FOR OTHERS

New Life in Christ

3/3 Session for New Believers

Topic: Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

Question: Do we truly love one another—including difficult or ‘unlovely’ people?

Report & Celebrate (20-40 minutes)

1. Share & Care

Share life’s journey by spending time together and communicating during the week. Talk about your joys and your struggles, and support one another in prayer.



Care

2. Accountability

Following Jesus

- How has God been challenging you from His Word?
- What opportunities has He given you to serve Him?



Report

Fishing for Jesus

- Did you share last week’s lesson? How did it go?
- Are you discipling anyone new?
- Is anyone you’re discipling, discipling someone else?



Sow

3. Worship

Praise God for what has just been shared. Use a song, read a Psalm, or share a testimony of answered prayer!



Worship

Notes:

- Prepare ahead of time to celebrate the Lord’s Supper with your disciples.

“Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear & Obey (20-40 minutes)

4. New Lesson - What does the story **SAY**?

Have someone read the story in Luke 10:25-37.

- *What do you learn about people in this story?*
- *What choices did people in this story make?*
- *What is the main point of the story?*



Learn

Have someone read the passage in Matthew 5:43-48.

- *What does God expect of us?*

5. Application - What must I **OBEY**?

- *Is there a sin I will avoid?*
- *Is there a command I will obey? How will I do this?*



Correct

Notes:



Guide

Do's and Do Not's

- **Do** let the Holy Spirit be the teacher.
- **Do** remember to study for obedience rather than for knowledge!
- **Don't** dominate the conversation; encourage everyone to participate.
Facilitator = 30%, Participants = 70%
- **Don't** demand correct answers.
- **Don't** get distracted, stay on topic.

Love Others—including Your Enemies

Luke 10:25-37

25 One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 Jesus replied, *“What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?”* 27 The man answered, *“‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”* 28 *“Right!”* Jesus told him. *“Do this and you will live!”* 29 The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30 Jesus replied with a story: *“A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. 31 By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. 32 A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. 33 Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. 34 Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. 35 The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’”*

36 *Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?”* Jesus asked. 37 The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.” Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”

Matthew 5:43-48

43 *“You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. 44 But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! 45 In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. 46 If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. 47 If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. 48 But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.”*

Go & Tell (20-40 minutes)

6. Practice

- *Role play meeting a stranger who thinks he is a “Christian” but as you talk to him, you discover he does not understand the gospel. Practice how you might handle that conversation. Find a way to share the true gospel with him!*



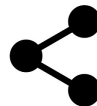
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7. Plan - With whom can I **SHARE**?

- *With which of your non-believing family or friends can you begin doing the “Hope in a Broken World”?*
- *Who will you pray with this week?*



Plan



Reproduce

8. Cast Vision

Use a story, a Bible passage, or a personal illustration to cast a compelling vision of how God wants to impact lostness in your city and beyond! Ideas can also be found on the AIM Trainers website.



Vision

Title: _____

9. Commissioning Prayer

Pray for one another for boldness to share!



Pray

Extra Challenge:(verse to memorize, Bible passages to read, topic to research)



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