

## Lesson 52

### Love One Another

#### Icebreaker:

1. Name one of your friends?
2. What makes them your friend?
3. How was the friendship initiated?

#### Introduction:

As Jesus communed with His disciples at the Last Supper He stressed the importance of loving one another. The reference to one another refers only to **other disciples** of Jesus since He was only speaking to His disciples.

#### Reading The Scripture:

#### **John 13:12-17 and 34-35 and 15:12-17**

#### Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

*"Ur-hatz"*<sup>1</sup>

#### John 13:12-17

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And so when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments, and reclined at the table again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.

#### The Four Questions

*"Mah Nishtanah"*<sup>2</sup>

#### John 13:34-35

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A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

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<sup>1</sup> **Ur-hatz.** Purification by washing. *Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight.* (Isaiah 1:16)

<sup>2</sup> **Mah Nishtanah.** The four questions are part of the Maggid (Passover story) and are usually asked by children. The questions are asked in such a way that the answers tell the story of Passover. The four questions, the disciples asked Jesus at the Last Supper are:

- **Simon Peter** - "Lord, where are You going?"
- **Thomas** - "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"
- **Philip** - "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."
- **Judas (not Iscariot)** - "Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us, and not to the world?"

“This is My commandment, **that you love one another, just as I have loved you.** Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends, if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you. This I command you, **that you love one another.**”

**The Commands:**

1. You also ought to wash one another’s feet.
2. A new commandment I give you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you.
3. Love one another, just as I have loved you.
4. Love one another.

**The Lesson:**

Near the beginning of the supper Jesus arose, set aside His outer garments and began washing the disciple’s feet. That would have been a dirty job in those days as people wore sandals and spent their days working in the fields, standing on dirt floors or walking on dusty roads. Customarily the act foot washing would have been performed by one of the host’s servants. However, Jesus was the host and He had no servants ... so He became the servant Himself.

**Group Discussion:**

1. Have each member of the group wash another’s feet.
2. Why do you think that Jesus wants us to wash one another’s feet?
  - To keep us humble
  - As a reminder of our role in life, a servant
  - That one of our responsibilities is to help each other remain pure and clean.

**The Lesson: continued**

Having washed the disciple’s feet Jesus continued with the Passover supper until he dipped the second time<sup>3</sup> and gave the morsel to Judas. At that moment Satan entered Judas, he arose from the table and went out into the night putting in to action his plan to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. After Judas had gone, Jesus resumed speaking on the subject of love.

Earlier in his ministry, during the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus had commanded the disciples to “*love your neighbor as yourself*” but now He issued them a new commandment. He said, “*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.*” This was not a change to the way they were to love their neighbors but an additional commandment to the special way in which they were to love other disciples of Christ.

**Group Discussion:**

1. In what ways had Jesus demonstrated His love to the disciples? List them.
  - Showed them how to make disciples.
  - Rebuked them when they were wrong.

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<sup>3</sup> This second dipping is called “Maror” and consists of bitter herbs (romaine lettuce or freshly ground horseradish) dipped into sweet haroset and then eaten by the participants. Haroset is made from chopped apples, honey, nuts and wine. It reminds the Jewish people how they had to work with brick and clay in Egypt. Dipping the bitter herbs into the haroset reminds them that even the most bitter of circumstances can be sweetened by the hope they have in God.

- Forgave them.
  - Prayed for them.
  - Washed their feet.
  - Obedied the father.
  - Gave up His time.
  - Served them.
  - Taught them.
  - Made their lives significant.
  - Gave them power and authority.
  - Gave them a message.
  - Gave them spiritual gifts.
  - Gave them directions.
  - Calmed their fears.
2. Why did Jesus want them to love one other as He had loved them? So that all men would know that they were His disciples. Why? To demonstrate for people what God was like. Why? In order to destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3:7-8)

**The Lesson: continued**

After the meal Jesus again returned to speaking on the issue of love, this time provoking the disciples to think even more deeply about it. He told them that the deepest expression of love is for one to lay down his life for his friends.

**Group Discussion on John 15:14 & 16:**

1. Who are Jesus' friends? Those that do what He commands then to do.
2. Who initiates a friendship with Jesus? He does.
3. Why does He initiate the friendship? So that his friends can bear fruit.
4. What fruit is he talking about? The fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-26) or God's nature and character (See the vine and branches).
5. Who eats the fruit? Everyone but you.
6. How long should this fruit last? Forever.
7. What does it mean to ask in the name of someone? It is what the individual would have asked for himself.
8. What is Jesus' name? I am salvation?
9. Deliverance or salvation from what? Everything.
10. Who are the one another's being talked about? Jesus' friends (other disciples).

**The Point Of The Lesson:**

In view of the fact that Jesus taught the lesson at the Last Supper when He was communing with his disciples it behooves us to reflect on whether we are truly friends of His. Are we doing what He asked us to do? Read through this list of 58 "one another's" in their context as your homework assignment.

**The "One Another's"**

1. Be at peace with one another (Mark 9:50)
2. Wash one another's feet (John 13:14)
3. Love one another (John 13:34)
4. Love one another (John 13:34)
5. Love one another (John 13:35)
6. Love one another (John 15:12)
7. Love one another (John 15:17)

8. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love (Romans 12:10)
9. Give preference to one another in honor (Romans 12:10)
10. Be of the same mind toward one another (Romans 12:16)
11. Love one another (Romans 13:8)
12. Let us not judge one another (Romans 14:13)
13. Accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us (Romans 15:7)
14. Admonish one another (Romans 15:14)
15. Greet one another with a holy kiss (Romans 16:16)
16. When you come together to eat, wait for one another (1 Corinthians 11:33)
17. Have the same care for one another (1 Corinthians 12:25)
18. Greet one another with a holy kiss (1 Corinthians 16:20)
19. Greet one another with a holy kiss (2 Corinthians 13:12)
20. Through love serve one another (Galatians 5:13)
21. But if you bite and devour one another, take care lest you are consumed by one another (Galatians 5:15)
22. Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another (Galatians 5:26)
23. Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2)
24. Showing forbearance to one another in love (Ephesians 4:2)
25. Be kind to one another (Ephesians 4:32)
26. Forgiving each other (Ephesians 4:32)
27. Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19)
28. Be subject to one another in the fear of Christ (Ephesians 5:21)
29. Let each of you regard one another as more important than himself (Philippians 2:3)
30. Do not lie to one another (Colossians 3:9)
31. Bearing with one another (Colossians 3:13)
32. Forgiving each other (Colossians 3:13)
33. Teach one another with psalms, and hymns and spiritual songs (Colossians 3:16)
34. Admonish one another with psalms, and hymns and spiritual songs (Colossians 3:16)
35. Increase and abound in love for one another (1 Thessalonians 3:12)
36. Taught by God to love one another (1 Thessalonians 4:9)
37. Comfort one another with these words (1 Thessalonians 4:18)
38. Encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
39. Build up one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
40. But encourage one another day after day (Hebrews 3:13)
41. Consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24)
42. Encouraging one another (Hebrews 10:25)
43. Do not speak against one another (James 4:11)
44. Do not complain against one another (James 5:9)
45. Confess your sins to one another (James 5:16)
46. Pray for one another (James 5:16)
47. Fervently love one another from the heart (1 Peter 1:22)
48. Keep fervent in your love for one another (1 Peter 4:8)
49. Be hospitable to one another (1 Peter 4:9)
50. As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another (1 Peter 4:10)
51. Clothe yourself with humility toward one another (1 Peter 5:5)
52. Greet one another with a kiss of love (1 Peter 5:14)
53. Love one another (1 John 3:11)
54. Love one another (1 John 3:23)
55. Let us love one another (1 John 4:7)
56. We also ought to love one another (1 John 4:11)
57. If we love one another, God abides in us (1 John 4:12)
58. Love one another (2 John 5)