



WEEK 3 /// COMMITTED TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

DISCUSS

Life Groups are not just committed to meeting together and working through conflict together; we are also committed to *love* one another. Fellowship is not just Christian hangout time. Fellowship means to *share*— to share your lives and love one another sacrificially.

- · What things do you love?
- · Why do you love those things?

READ

Have someone in the group read John 15:12-17 out loud.

DISCUSS

- · How does Jesus love us? How do we love one another the way He loves us?
- · What does Jesus' example of "laying your life down for your friends" look like in your Life Group?

READ

Have someone in the group read Romans 12:9-13 out loud.

DISCUSS

- · In these 5 verses, there are 13 commands. As a group, list all of them out.
- •Discuss how you can apply these commands in your Life Group. For example: honor one another (v.10), contribute to the needs of the saints (v.13a), and show hospitality (v.13b).
- What hurdles will you experience in trying to love one another sacrificially? How will you collectively overcome them?



APPLY

Taking several of the "one another" verses in Scripture, there is an acronym that can serve as a guide and framework for how we can love one another. The acronym is TRIBE. In biblical times and even today, people around the world live in tribes based on their common ancestry and families. For us, we are brought together because of our common faith in Jesus, and our Life Group acts as our spiritual family. Life Group is our TRIBE, and being in a TRIBE means these five things:

T – Tell One Another The Truth

We speak truth in love to one another (Eph. 4:15) and tell one another the truth. We struggle with our masks and blind spots, but our Life Group is committed to being a safe place and acts as guardrails so that we walk in truth and not be led astray. If Satan's weapon is lies, our greatest defense and offense is God's Truth.

R - Rejoice With One Another

We're called to "rejoice with those who rejoice" (Rom. 12:15; 1 Cor. 12:26). Envy and jealousy have no room in a Life Group. Rather, we genuinely share joy with one another. As a Life Group, we party with each other, but we party with a purpose – to worship and celebrate what God is doing in one another's lives.

I – Intercede For One Another

We are committed to cover one another in prayer (1 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:18). As a Life Group, we will commit to pray with each other weekly and for each other daily. Just like an eagle lifting a snake into the sky, prayer changes the battleground. As children of God, we bring our petitions to the Father on one another's behalf.

B – Bear One Another's Burdens

Life is heavy and hard to take from time to time, whether it's sickness, stress, suffering, or sin. That's why, as a Life Group, we will help "carry each other's burdens" (Gal. 6:2; Rom. 12:15). There are some things in life we were never meant to carry alone, and our Life Group will be first responders to serve, pray, grieve, listen, and be present.

E – Encourage One Another

Life can be very discouraging. That's why, as a Life Group, we are committed to encourage one another (1 Thess. 5:11). We will lift one another's heads, build one another up, and cheer one another on in our faith journeys. Encouragement gives us the endurance to stay faithful and finish strong.