

Loving Disciples Like Jesus Loves Me

The Mission #4
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Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.

John 13:34-35 (MSG)

We love each other like Jesus...

1. When I share my life with other disciples.

And he chose twelve men... He wanted these twelve men to be with him, and he wanted to send them to other places to tell people God's message.

Mark 3:14 (ERV)

Because we loved you, we were happy to share not only God's Good News with you, but even our own lives. You had become so dear to us!

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NCV)

2. When I'm serving other disciples.

It was almost time for the Jewish Passover festival. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go back to the Father. Jesus had always loved the people in the world who were his. Now was the time he showed them his love the most.

John 13:1 (ERV)

... "Do you understand what **I have just done to you**?" he asked.

13 "You call me Teacher and Lord, and it is right that you do so, because that is what I am. 14 I, your Lord and Teacher, have just washed your feet. You, then, should wash one another's feet.

15 I have set an example for you, so that you will do just what I have done for you. 16 I am telling you the truth: no slaves are greater than their master, and no messengers are greater than the one who sent them. 17 Now that you know this truth, how happy you will be if you put it into practice!

John 13:12b-17 (GNT)

My brothers and sisters, God called you to be free, but do not use your freedom as an excuse to do what pleases your sinful self.

Serve each other with love.

Galatians 5:13 (NCV)

3. When I will sacrifice for other disciples.

L	ove each oth	er as I have	loved you.	This is	what I'm	comma	nding
У	ou to do. ¹³ T	he greatest	love you ca	n show	is to give	e your lit	e for
У	our friends.	_	-		John 15	:12-13 ((GW)

This is how we've come to understand and experience love: Christ sacrificed his life for us. This is why we ought to live sacrificially for our fellow believers, and not just be out for ourselves. If you see some brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God's love? It disappears. And you made it disappear.

1 John 3:16-17 (MSG)

4. When I express God's love through affection.

Love each other with genuine affection Romans 12:10 (N	NLT)

God himself knows how much I want to see you. He knows that I care for you in the same way that Christ Jesus does.

Philippians 1:8 (CEV)

5. When I initiate God's love toward other disciples.

Live a life of love. Love others just as Christ loved us.

Ephesians 5:2 (ERV)

We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19 (ESV)