

DAY TWO

WE COMMIT TO LOVE

³⁴ "I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
John 13:34-35

Biblical love is neither a second hand emotion nor a sweet, old-fashioned notion. Love is actually a battlefield designed to reshape us into the likeness of the One who first loved us when we were not friends to Him, but enemies. God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. We love, not in a sentimental sense, but in the gutsy, costly sense, because He first loved us. We do not have the resources in ourselves to extend such selfless love. We are resourced by another, by Jesus Himself.

- Scott Sauls⁶

In our life-on-life community we choose to love each other as Jesus does. We are patient and kind, we do not envy, we don't insist on our own way, we hope, we persevere together, and we help each other keep our eyes on our Savior (1 Corin. 13:4-7).

But love expressed doesn't stop there. We spur one another on to love those in our community and around the globe who desperately need to know and experience Jesus' love for them.

REFLECTION

Read Acts 2:42-47. How would you describe the relationships they had with each other?

What words describe the relationships you have in your small group community?

Does the way that you love show others that you are a disciple of Jesus? Explain.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

Grab your Bible and open to today's reading. Use the PRAY and HEAR tools as you spend time in the Word.

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Take a moment and use the PRAY tool to respond in prayer.