

LESSON *THREE*

NEW FAMILY

Become Like Him: Growing Together in Values

Why this matters: Following Jesus means allowing Him to shape both what we believe and how we live. As God's family, we're called to hold strong convictions while expressing them with humility, love, and grace.

Start Here: Think about someone you've known who held strong biblical convictions and loved people well. What made them different?

The Big Idea: Jesus calls us to be people of both truth and love.

Read Together:

Romans 12:2

John 17:20-23

John 13:34-35

After reading, ask: What stands out to you? What do these passages teach us about living differently? How do truth and love work together?

A Few Truths to Hold:

- Following Jesus shapes both our beliefs and our behavior.
- Unity doesn't require uniformity.
- The way we express truth matters as much as the truth we hold.

Talk About It: Jesus welcomed people while never compromising truth. Why do you think those two things are often separated today? Which of New City's six values comes most naturally to you? Which one challenges you the most?

Living It Out: At New City, we desire to reflect Jesus through six shared values:

- Unity – We work hard to work together.
- Diversity – We live in harmony with one another.
- Trust – We choose to believe in each other.
- Transparency – We are open with one another.
- Humility – We yield to each other.
- Courage – We say yes to God and take bold steps of faith.

These values help us become a community that is both deeply rooted in truth and known for genuine love.

Practice This Week: Choose one value to intentionally practice this week. At the end of the week, reflect: How did practicing this value help you become more like Jesus?

Pray Together: Take a few moments to pray out loud, asking that God would help New City's values to become evident in your everyday life.

Looking Ahead: Next time, we'll discover how God uses His family to help us discover our purpose and live on mission together.