

LESSON ONE

NEW FAMILY

Become Like Him: Why We Connect

Why this matters: As we spend time with Jesus, He changes our hearts to love what He loves—including His people. Connection isn't something we add to our faith; it's one of the ways God shapes us to become more like Him.

Start Here: Who has had the greatest influence on your walk with Jesus? What made that relationship meaningful?

The Big Idea: As we become more like Jesus, we naturally grow in love for God's family.

Read Together:

Matthew 22:37-40

John 13:34-35

1 John 4:20-21

After reading, ask: What stands out to you from these passages? What do they teach us about loving God and loving others?

A Few Truths to Hold:

- Loving God and loving His people cannot be separated.
- Jesus transforms our hearts to love like He loves.
- The way we love one another points people to Jesus.

Talk About It: Which of the statements above challenges you the most?

Living It Out:

Jesus never intended His followers to grow alone.

Throughout His ministry, He called people into relationship—with Himself and with one another. The Church is more than a place we attend; it is the family God has invited us into.

As we learn to love, forgive, encourage, and serve one another, we become more like Jesus.

Practice This Week: Choose one way to intentionally love someone in God's family.

- Reach out to someone who may need encouragement.
- Spend time getting to know someone at church you don't know well.
- Meet a practical need for another believer.

Pray Together: Take a few moments to pray out loud, asking that God would help you love His family the way He does.

Looking Ahead: Next time, we'll discover how growing together helps us become the people God created us to be.