



Membership † **Discipleship** † Leadership

John 13:34-35 *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*

I am a disciple of _____.

"A follower of Jesus Christ who studies the scriptures and diligently seeks to comply with what God commands." Jesus said "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed." (John 8:31)

"My First Love"

† Proverbs 4:7 *"Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding"*


Do you remember your first crush? You thought you were in love. What about the first time you started dating? You were certain it was a love that would last a lifetime. Do you recall the day you gave your life to Christ? You were SOLD (gold out & living delivered)! You realized it was ultimately your first love and could be compared to no other. We love Him because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). Jesus said "You shall love the LORD your God with **all** your heart, with **all** your soul, and with **all** your mind." This is *the* first and great commandment (Matt. 22:37; Mark 12:30). We could never love God more than He loves us. God is love (1John 4:8). We go through so much trying to prove our love to people. We spend countless hours conversing with them to strengthen our relationship. How much time do we spend conversing with God in prayer? We desire to be in their company and enjoy spending time with them. How often do we get in the presence of God through worship and pure intimacy? We study them to learn what they like and dislike. How often do we take time to study God's Word so we can learn what He likes and dislikes? Is it possible to keep His commandments if we don't know what He commands from us? When we're in right standing with God, our will should be to do His Will! John 14:15 says "If you love Me, keep My commandments." Should our love towards God be enough to enable us to keep His commandments?

Agape is the Greek word for Love. God's love for us is pure, unwavering and consistent. His love is so unconditional that He gave his life so that we may have life. John 3:15-17 says "whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." God's love surpasses ALL!

† Romans 12:2 “. . . be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

God’s love is immeasurable and unconditional. Often times, we desire more from God when we should desire more of God. We must refuse to allow anything to separate us from the love of God (Rom. 8:39). Find comfort in knowing that He will never leave you nor forsake you (Heb. 13:5). You’ll know that He is all you need when He is all you have. The disciples were willing to immediately leave *things* behind so they can follow Him. Read Matthew 4:18-22. What are you willing to leave behind so you can follow Jesus?

Revelations 2:2-5 says “I know everything you have done, including your hard work and how you have endured. I know you won't put up with anyone who is evil. When some people pretended to be apostles, you tested them and found out that they were liars. You have endured and gone through hard times because of me, and you have not given up. But I do have something against you! And it is this: You don't have as much love as you used to. Think about where you have fallen from, and then turn back and do as you did at first...(CEV)” what does that mean to you personally? What did you discover about your relationship with God?

 Weekly Assignment: God’s love must be experienced! This week, spend quality time with God *each* day and ask Him to teach you how to love Him. It will change your life!

† Psalm 119:11 “Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.”

Day/ Week of	Daily Reading	What verse had the most impact?
Monday <input type="checkbox"/>	1 Chronicles 10-12	
Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	1 Chronicles 13-15	
Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	1 Chronicles 16-18	
Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	1 Chronicles 19-21	
Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	1 Chronicles 22-25	
Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	1 Chronicles 26-29	
Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	2 Chronicles 1-3	

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