

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH LORTON

Living Our Mission, Loving Each Other

Matthew 28:18-20 & John 13:33-35

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GBC Mission Statement:

Disciples Making Disciples – Loving God and People through the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Why is this our mission?

- Matthew 28:18-20
- Matthew 22:36-40

Loving God With Obedience, Knowledge, and Discernment

- John 14:15
- Philippians 1:9-11

Loving People – Especially Each Other (in the church)

- John 13:33-35
- Galatians 5:13-14, 6:10

Why are Home Groups so valuable for living out our mission?

- Loving one another like Christ loves us requires His help, through the Spirit.
- It also requires knowing one another, living life together (like through Home Groups).

Questions to Consider

1. Why does Jesus equate loving Him with obeying Him (John 14:15)?
2. Loving one another is not a substitute for proclaiming the good news of Jesus - the Bible makes clear that preaching and teaching and telling is critical to making disciples. Then why do you think Jesus highlights that the world will know we are His disciples by our love for one another?
3. What does it look like to love one another? Consider these "one another" verses - or others that come to mind.
 - a. Ephesians 4:1-3, 4:32
 - b. Colossians 3:12-14
 - c. 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18, 5:9-11
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. When and why are we tempted to not love one another as described in this passage? What are some specific areas or relationships where you know you need to be more loving?
5. Jesus tells His disciples that He will be leaving them soon - and tells them to love one another. In addition to the gift of the Holy Spirit, how does the love of brothers and sisters in Christ help fulfill the promise that Jesus will be "with you always, even to the end of the age"?
6. What are some situations where you have been ministered to by the body of Christ (the church) at work in loving you? In what ways did that experience connect to a Home Group or small group set of relationships?
7. Think about how you might seek to get to know someone (at least 1) from GBC better in the coming days and weeks, to be better prepared to love and serve them moving forward.