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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Commit to Life-Changing Relationships August 16, 2026

Summary

Jesus calls us to love others with the same love we have received from Him. His love teaches us to stay—to remain committed even when relationships are difficult or inconvenient—and to sacrifice by putting others' needs ahead of our own. Because we have received Christ's committed and sacrificial love, we are called to give that same love to others. Spiritual growth does not happen in isolation; God uses relationships with other believers to shape and transform us. As we stay connected, choose sacrifice and love one another, we become people who reflect Jesus and experience the life-changing power of biblical community.

Scripture

"Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life." John 12:25 (NIV)

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35 (NIV)

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:9-13 (NIV)

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." John 17:20-23 (NIV)

Let's Start

Who is someone you've met who had an unexpectedly big impact on your life?

Gratitude and Prayer

How has God been at work in your life since we last met?

Let's Talk

1. What stood out to you most from this message, and why?
2. Pastor Jon said, "The love received is the love given." How have the ways you have been loved—or not loved—shaped the way you love others?

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3. Why do you think staying committed can be difficult in relationships? Where are you tempted to choose convenience instead?
4. What does sacrificial love look like in an ordinary relationship? What are some simple ways we can sacrifice our time, preferences, comfort or resources for others?
5. Why is it important for our spiritual growth to have relationships with other followers of Jesus rather than trying to follow Him on our own?
6. Think about your current relationships with other believers. Where are you experiencing meaningful community, and where might you need to take a step toward deeper connection?
7. What is one relationship in your life where God may be asking you to stay, initiate, sacrifice or be more vulnerable?

Let's Act

What would it look like for you to **commit to life-changing relationships** in this season of your life? What is one specific step you could take this week?

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