

Read Matthew 13:44-46. What does this verse teach us about surrender? It is worth selling everything I have to have the kingdom of God and Jesus

Name one area that Jesus asks you to obey? _____

Story on Surrender

Love
“Of all the COMMANDMENTS which is the most important?’ ‘The most important one,’ Jesus answered, ‘is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. LOVE the Lord your God with all your HEART and with all your SOUL and with all your MIND. The second is this: LOVE your neighbor as yourself. There is no COMMANDMENT greater than these.” (Mark 12:28-31)

The most defining characteristic of any follower of Jesus is love (John 13:35). Jesus has taught us that these core values of His kingdom – loving God, loving each other and loving those that don’t know Jesus – ought to govern all the life and decisions of a believer.

What do these verses teach you about love?

Luke 7:40-47 Love for God is humble, sacrificial and extravagant; Love for God comes from being forgiven

Luke 6:32-37 Our Love should extend to our enemies not just our friends; Love includes blessing, prayer and doing good for someone

1 Corinthians 13 Love is patient, kind, does not envy or boast, is not proud, is not rude or self-seeking, is not easily angered and keeps no record of wrong. Love does not rejoice in evil, but rejoices in truth, Love never fails

Name one way that Jesus is asking you to love someone? _____

Story on Love

YOUR RESPONSE THIS WEEK:

- Share with the one taking you through this lesson an area (i.e. eating, anger, lust, loving your spouse/roommate) in which you would like to be held accountable.
- As you read the gospels, begin writing down in a journal the things that Jesus commanded His disciples. Seek to obey those commands.
- Discuss with the one taking you through this lesson if and when you need seek further counseling, attend Fresh Start, or read one of the following Neil Anderson books: *Victory Over Darkness*; *Bondage Breaker*; *Freedom for Addiction*; *Getting Anger Under Control*.
- Agree with the one taking you through this lesson on a realistic but challenging goal to share the gospel this week.
- Share these lessons with someone who is ready to be trained.