

TALK IT OVER

The Way of Love

BOTTOM LINE

The way of Jesus is the way of love.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What temperature does it have to be for you to ditch the winter coat? If spring was not a season and we went straight from winter to summer, what would you miss most?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- Learning to [Love Like Jesus](#) (10 min)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another. John 13:34-35 NIV

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. John 13:14-15 NIV

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Romans 12:10 ESV

Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. John 13:17 NIV

"In order to follow Jesus, we must follow His ways. We must know Jesus, be with Him, so we can become like Him and do as He did." – Dwight Mason

"Love is defined by who God is." – Dwight Mason

"Jesus loved with His eyes wide open." – Dwight Mason

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The most amazing thing Jesus did more than any other person is how He loved. What is most incredible about His love for you? The way of Jesus is the way of love. But the way many people think about love is the exact opposite of God's love. What does that mean? The one new command of Jesus was that we would love others as He has loved us. How is that different from the old command? The way of Jesus' love is to **serve**. Love is not wishing for someone's best – it is serving them for their best. Discuss. How did Jesus do it? How are you attempting to love through sacrificial service? What has Jesus done for you that you are unwilling/slow to do for others? The way of Jesus' love is to **honor**. Love is not blind. It sees clearly and loves, not as we imagine others to be, but as they are and as they can be. Discuss. How can we truly from the heart honor people when we feel they don't deserve it? The way of Jesus' love is to **suffer**. That's an unwanted thought for us. The ones Jesus was closest to, the ones who had most experienced His love, deserted and disappointed Him. How does that relate to your life? This suffering of love can't be forced on us – it is willingly chosen. Discuss. How will your family and relationships change when you consistently love like Jesus has loved you? What difference will it make in our church and communities?

ACTION STEP

I will learn to actively love others as Jesus has loved me, starting this week, by serving, honoring, and willingly suffering, by praying daily and taking this specific step: _____