

40 Days of Community
Why Community Matters!
John 15:9-17

Jesus' **Command**: We are to love each other.

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.” John 15:9

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:12-13

“This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:17

1. When we say yes to Jesus, he places us in his new **community**.
 - This community is called the church or the body of Christ or the family of God.
2. Within that community we are given the **primary task** of loving each other.
 - Before we give love, we **receive** it from Jesus.
“As I have loved you...
 - As we receive love, we then **extend** that love to others.
“Love each other as I have loved you...

The **Why** Behind Jesus' Command

1. When we love each other, we become **healthier**.
2. When we love each other, we combat **fear and loneliness**.
3. When we love each other, we can get through the **tough times** together.
4. When we love each other, we grow in becoming **more like Jesus**.
5. When we love each other, we can **accomplish** more.
6. When we love each other, we practice **simple obedience** to Jesus.

The Bottom Line Questions:

- What are you doing **right now** to obey Jesus' command to love each other?
- What do you need to do to take a **next step** to obey Jesus' command to love each other?