

SUNDAY RECAP

FOR ONE ANOTHER- New Communicator Sunday

Main Idea

As followers of Jesus, we are called to love one another in a way that reflects Christ to the world. That love is demonstrated through how we serve, encourage, and forgive one another.

Key Scripture: John 13:34–35

“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.”

ENCOURAGEMENT

Check In: Highs & Lows

Take time to connect with everyone in the group.

- What was a high point from your week?
- What was a challenging or difficult moment from your week?
- How have you seen God at work in your life recently?
- Is there anything you are currently carrying that the group can support you through?

Leader Tip: Make sure everyone has an opportunity to share. This is a great time to practice the very message we heard this weekend by noticing, listening to, and encouraging one another.

SCRIPTURE

Part 1: Serve One Another

Read Galatians 5:13 and Ephesians 2:10.

The sermon reminded us that our freedom in Christ was never meant to stop with us. We were saved not only *from* something but *for* something.

We do not serve to earn God's love. We serve because we want to show God's love to others.

Discuss:

1. What stood out to you from the message about serving one another?
 2. What is the difference between serving someone out of obligation and serving someone out of love?
 3. The message said, "Serving one another isn't just about what your hands are willing to do. It's about who your heart is willing to see." What does that mean to you?
 4. Who has God placed in your life that may need you to notice them, encourage them, or serve them?
 5. What gifts, experiences, or passions has God placed inside of you that He may want to use for someone else?
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Part 2: Encourage One Another

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

Encouragement speaks faith. Sometimes we cannot change someone's circumstances, but we can remind them of who God is and walk alongside them through difficult seasons.

Discuss:

1. Who has been a source of encouragement in your life, and how did their encouragement impact you?
2. Why do you think encouragement is so powerful?
3. The message challenged us to **notice someone** and **speak life over someone**. Which of these comes more naturally to you? Which one is more challenging?
4. How can we make sure our words point people toward God's truth rather than adding to their fear?
5. Is there someone in your life right now who may need encouragement?

Take a moment: Before moving on, have each person share one encouraging word or observation about someone else in the group.

Part 3: Forgive One Another

Read Ephesians 4:32.

“Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”

Forgiveness can be difficult, especially when we have experienced real hurt. However, the message reminded us that unforgiveness can begin as something we hold but eventually become something that holds us.

Forgiveness does not mean pretending that nothing happened, immediately restoring trust, or removing healthy boundaries. Forgiveness is a choice to release the offense and refuse to allow past hurt to control our future.

Discuss:

1. Why do you think forgiveness can be so difficult?
2. Have you ever been quick to assume someone else's intentions before taking time to examine your own heart?
3. What does it mean to pray, “Search me, O God, and know my heart”?
4. What is the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation?
5. How can someone forgive while still maintaining healthy boundaries?
6. Is there an offense or hurt that God may be asking you to begin surrendering to Him?

Important: Create a safe environment for this conversation. No one should feel pressured to share details they are uncomfortable sharing.

PRAYER

Take time to pray intentionally for one another.

Prayer Prompts

- Thank Jesus for the love He has shown us.
- Ask God to help us see people the way Jesus sees them.
- Pray for opportunities to serve someone this week.
- Ask God to show us who needs encouragement and give us the courage to speak life.
- Pray for anyone walking through a difficult season or needing hope.

- Ask God to reveal any unforgiveness or bitterness in our hearts.
- Pray for the strength and grace to forgive others as Christ has forgiven us.
- Pray over any personal needs that were shared during your group's check-in time.

Group Leader: If someone shares a specific need, pause and pray for them in the moment. Don't just say, "I'll pray for you later." Take the opportunity to pray together now.

NEXT STEPS

Encourage everyone to choose at least one intentional next step for the week.

Personal Next Steps

Serve:

Identify one person you can intentionally serve this week. Ask yourself: *Who has God placed around me, and how can I show them the love of Jesus?*

Encourage:

Reach out to someone who may be struggling or carrying something heavy. Send a text, make a phone call, or have a conversation that points them back to God's truth.

Forgive:

Ask God to reveal whether there is someone you need to forgive. Take a step toward releasing that offense to God, even if the emotions have not caught up with the decision yet.

Reflect:

Spend time this week praying Psalm 139:23–24. Ask God to search your heart and reveal anything that may be keeping you from loving others well.

Group Next Step

As a group, commit to being a community that practices the “one another” commands beyond your weekly meeting.

This week, challenge every group member to:

- Notice someone.
- Serve someone.
- Encourage someone.
- Extend forgiveness where it is needed.

Closing Challenge

Jesus said that the world would know we are His disciples by our love for one another.

So, what would it look like if we became a group of people who didn't just talk about love but actively demonstrated it?

Let's be people who serve one another, encourage one another, forgive one another, and love one another the way Christ has loved us.