

Apologetics in Community

Introduction:

Honest Answers, Observable Love (John 17:20-21)

Unity of believers before a watching world
confirms that the Father has sent the Savior.

The Mark of the Christian (John 13:34-35)

Christians who love other believers well
put an exclamation at the end of their proclamation.

Sacrificial Love (Luke 10:25-37)

Christians meet the urgent needs of those God brings to us
and calls us to serve for the sake of their greatest need.

**Love is the mark by which the world will know
one is a true Christian and validates the message
Jesus was sent by the Father.**

GROWTH GUIDE

Monday: Galatians 6:7-10

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

Wednesday: 1 John 3:11-18

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Friday: Luke 10:25-37

NEXT STEPS FROM TODAY'S MESSAGE

Be - I will seek the Lord to see if there is disunity in any relationships with other believers or inconsistency in how I am living that would hinder my witness.

Multiply - I will share with a friend how the Holy Spirit leads me to love better and challenge them to do the same.

Go - I will walk through the open doors God has for me this week to love and share the Gospel with others.

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

Read John 13:34-35 & 17:20-21.

Share one word you think summarizes how Christians in America are perceived.

Share briefly who God used to lead you to Him and what their life looked like.

Why is it difficult to live in unity with other believers? What can we do about it?

From the John 17 passage, what is at stake? How does that change your perspective on your relationships with other believers?

Think of how you loved those around you this past week. Would you say it demonstrated your faith in Christ to unbelievers or hindered your verbal witness?

Is there anyone you are in conflict with today that you need to extend forgiveness in order to proclaim the grace you have received?

Focus your prayer time on your Home Church being a place of such unity and love that proclaims the Father has sent the Savior.