

discovering who God made you to be
so you can make a difference.

READ JOHN 13:34

DAY 1

What is a command? It's like an order or a rule to follow. When Jesus spoke the words we read in today's verses, He said He had a "new command." And what was it?

God made you to love others.

Because Jesus loves you.

He's commanding us to love the people around us because He loved us first. Jesus showed us how much He loves us by putting us first and facing the pain of the cross.

Grab some red, pink or white construction paper. Cut out 21 hearts from the paper and write one word from the verse on each heart. Stack the hearts and then shuffle to mix them up. Set a timer and see how fast you can put the hearts in verse order. Mix them up, shuffle and see if you can beat your time.

THANK God for making you to love others as He has loved you.

READ HEBREWS 10:24

DAY 2

Did you know?
God loves you.
God made you completely unique.
God wants you to love the people around you.

Did you see the first part of this verse? Underline the words that say, *Let us consider*. Do you know what that means? To consider means to weigh the possibilities or to think hard about something.

The writer of Hebrews is telling us to think about HOW we will show love to others BEFORE we actually do it. God wants you to think ahead of time about how you can best show love to someone else. In others words, He wants us to have a plan!

Let's practice right now. In the space below, write down one person's name that fits into each category.

Someone that lives in my house: _____

I will show love to _____ by _____

Someone that I see everyday: _____

I will show love to _____ by _____

Someone I have a hard time getting along with: _____

I will show love to _____ by _____

ASK God to help you put the plan above in place and to LOVE others this week!

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READ 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

DAY 3

Paul said that there were three SUPER important things that all followers of Jesus need to make a priority. What are they? List them below:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What is the NUMBER ONE thing listed in the verse? _____

It's a little four letter word but it's a BIG idea. How you treat others is more important than just about anything. Faith or believing in God is a big deal.

Hope, which is, trusting that God is control no matter what. Yep, that's big too.

But the MOST important thing you can do as a follower of Jesus is to genuinely LOVE the people around you. God loves you. And He's counting on you to show love to others so they can know Him too.

THINK of an opportunity to show the number one thing: LOVE.

READ ACTS 16:14-15

DAY 4

When Paul traveled around telling people about Jesus, he didn't have a lot of money. He didn't plan hotel stays and pay for food in fancy restaurants. To get by, Paul relied on fellow believers to help him with food and shelter. So it was pretty awesome when he met Lydia that day. She was a successful business owner who made purple cloth. But the most important thing about Lydia was that she believed in Jesus. So when Paul and his friends came to town, she showed love by offering them a place to stay. Lydia understood that God made her to love others.

Think about someone in your life that you know loves you. How do you know they love you? What do they do or say that shows love to you? Grab a piece of paper and a pen. Write that person a note thanking them for loving you so well.

KNOW that God loves it when we love others well!

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LOVE OTHERS.