

## Small Group Bible Story

### Life Together: Part Two: “The One Anothers”

#### Instructions:

This study is intended to be a guide for discussion. It is not necessary to complete the whole study and answer every question! Pick out the questions that you like, or that will work best with your group. If questions arise that you don't know how to answer, that's ok! If you need an answer - email Pastor McClean. [dmclean@hclc.info](mailto:dmclean@hclc.info)

#### Introductions

1. Please introduce yourself if this is your first time with the Group.
  - A. Your Family
  - B. Your Occupation
  - C. What brought you to Holy Cross
  - D. Of all of the places you have been or visited, which is your favorite and why?

#### Icebreakers. (Pick One)

1. What is one food that you would say you “love”?  
What's your best memory of eating that particular food?  
Why do you love it? Is your love related to a memory? The taste, or the Ingredients?
2. Tell a story from your life of a time when you felt like you were a part of a great team, or group, or a family event. (A time when you felt a great sense of togetherness.)
3. How have you seen God at work in your life lately?

#### Reflecting on this week's Sermon:

Any Insights, or Takeaways that made you see, think, or believe differently?  
Anything that inspired you or challenged you?  
Any Actions that you were moved to try or do?

#### Overview:

This second study in the “Life Together” series will look at the One Another Bible verses in the New Testament and look to build meaningful relationships with other Christians. In order for us to “Be the Church” doing life together is critical. Our hope is to provide you with a place to build your faith as you can connect Biblical truths to everyday life.

We live in a culture that is in love with being in love. We use the same word to describe the way we feel about food, sports, pets, celebrities, a spouse or significant other, family members—even God. But generally what we mean when we say we “love” something is that we enjoy the way that something makes us feel. The love of God, however, is very different. Rather than loving based on some feeling or personal benefit, God's love flows from His very nature and has been demonstrated for us through the death of Jesus.

## Scripture Reading

Note: Go around the room and have each person read a verse.

1. (Circle) the one speaks to you. How does it connect with what's going on in your life right now?
2. (Underline) the one is the hardest for you these days? Why?
3. (Put a Star next to) the one you want to focus on between now and the next time we meet?

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| 1. Romans 14:13            | Let us stop passing judgment on one another.   |
| 2. Ephesians 4:2           | Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.   |
| 3. Romans 12:16            | Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.  |
| 4. Colossians 3:13         | Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.  |
| 5. Ephesians 4:32          | Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.   |
| 6. 1 Thessalonians 5:11    | Encourage one another and build each other up.   |
| 7. Romans 12:10            | Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.   |
| 8. Romans 15:7             | Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.  |
| 9. John 13:34, 1 John 4:12 | A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.<br><br>If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. |
| 10. Hebrews 10:24          | Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.   |
| 11. James 4:11             | Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another.  |
| 12. James 5:9              | Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged.  |

If people are willing, share verses you circled, underlined and starred.

How can we support and encourage one another in these three areas?

## Discussion Questions

1. Who are some of the hardest people for you to “deal with” – what about them makes it hard?
2. Do you find yourself more loving or more critical and judgmental of others right now? If the latter, how are you going to reconnect with the love of God in Christ this week?
3. How does God's love for us and the fact that Jesus died to forgive our sins, transform the way we see other people?  
  
When we fail to love others, what does it reveal about our own relationship with God?
4. What can we do as a group to make sure we are loving, serving, encouraging, and praying for one other?

## Personal Reflection

1. What is it about me, that makes me “hard to love” and what steps can I take to heal what seems broken, grow to soften the “hardness,” and how can I offer myself grace while I grow?
2. What is God is calling me to do in my Spiritual Life right now?
3. Do I need to make amends with anyone?

## Prayer Requests

How can we help and support members of our Group in **PRAYER** this week?

Did you SEE someone needing God’s grace, love, forgiveness or hope? Is there something we could do as a group to support them?