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BIG IDEA

Purpose of The Collective

To reach and journey with everyone in experiencing Jesus through **love** and community.

Vision of The Collective

Finding our identity in God's grace alone, we will see God's kingdom expand as we partner with His Spirit to equip and empower our church community to **love** and care for the people within their areas of influence locally and internationally.

In a relevant way, we will teach and preach the gospel, provide practical life training, produce original music, creative arts, media, and excellent merchandise that express our purpose, leading to conferences and new campuses.

"Human community was not only Christ's plan for his disciples; it was also God's plan for all people from the very beginning. Even though we are flawed people in flawed relationships, we are created to be social beings. Community with one another is not just a duty; it is an aspect of our humanity."

- RELATIONSHIPS: A MESS WORTH MAKING - Timothy S. Lane & Paul David Tripp

We need to **LOVE** others **like** Jesus loves us & **because** Jesus loves us.

1 John 4:7-19

"Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.

And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us.

Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love.

God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.

Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. We love each other because he loved us first."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

LOVING OTHERS LIKE JESUS LOVES US

1. How did Jesus love people?

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2. Have you ever felt unworthy of love? Why or why not?
3. Do you think your past sins disqualify you from loving others? Why?

LOVING OTHERS BECAUSE JESUS LOVES US

What should be our motivation for service? What wouldn't be a good motivation for serving?

4. Why is it important for us to know how much Jesus loves us in order for us to love and serve others?
5. What are some practical ways you can show your love to others?
6. Serving is one of the ways you can extend love to others. Do you serve in a ministry at TC or in any other place already? Why or why not?

7. What are some places that you might be interested to serve? How would Jesus and His love be a motivator for service?

Let's pray together. You may follow the prayer below or feel free to form your own.

Dear Lord, I praise you for the blessings that you give in my life. You've blessed me overwhelmingly in so many ways and places. I pray that my heart would be tender to the needs of others. May your love influence and empower me to love as you love. In Jesus name, Amen.