



kingdom culture

BIG IDEA

God has replaced the old covenant with a new covenant and a new commandment: *Love one another just as I have loved you*. Our faith and our God is not about legalistically following laws but is about experiencing God's love and letting that overflow into all areas of our life. Let's dig deeper into scripture and learn what it means to embrace this culture of love in our spheres of influence.

Hebrews 8: 6, 13

⁶ But now Jesus, our High Priest, has been given a ministry that is far superior to the old priesthood, for he is the one who mediates for us a far better covenant with God, based on better promises.....

¹³ When God speaks of a "new" covenant, it means he has made the first one obsolete. It is now out of date and will soon disappear.

John 13:34-35 (NLT)

³⁴ So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

Galatians 5:6 (NLT)

⁶ For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself in love.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think it is important to understand that as followers of Christ we have a new covenant based on better promises? What are those promises?

2. In the new covenant Jesus replaced the 10 commandments of the Old Covenant with His New Command to love one another just as He (Christ) has loved us. Galatians 5:6 says, "For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself in love." Why does God put so much emphasis on love (and none on keeping a checklist of rules)?
3. What do you think it means to love just as Christ has loved us?
4. How has Christ shown and demonstrated His Love to you personally?
5. Oftentimes there are people that we find difficult to love yet God calls us to be other-centered and display love to others regardless of how they behave. What are some things that are hindering you from expressing your faith in Christ through loving actions towards the ungrateful, and people who are very different from you?
6. John 13:35 says "By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another". Is there people that you are currently having a hard time loving? If you are comfortable, please share with the group and lift up that person in prayer together.

#Challengeoftheweek: What are some ways you can live out this Kingdom Culture of **love** in your work, social and family life this week?