



SMALL GROUP STUDY

Week 4: A LOVING COMMUNITY

1. What do you think are some of the 'distinguishing marks' of the Church? i.e. what do people think of when they think of the Church?
2. What is your response to the idea that the Church's identifying mark should be love?
3. Read **John 13:34-35**.
 - How has Jesus loved us? And therefore, how should we love one another?
 - What do you think Jesus meant when he said that "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples?" How does that work?
4. Some people may think that being the "moral conscience" of the world is a very important function of the Church. How can we make sure we still prioritise love as the most important function of the Church? Consider **1 Corinthians 13:1-7**
5. What has been your experience of unrelenting love and grace in the Church?
6. How easy/hard do you find it to be "real" in church? Why?
7. What are some ways we can "Love one another as brothers and sisters?" (**Hebrews 13:1**)
8. If you have time... Look at **Acts 2:42-47** and discuss what you notice about the community of the early Church, and their evangelism strategy.