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lesson 4—
love by action
i john 3:18

Review:

Foot Washing- humble yourselves and be a servant first

It's Not About Me- don't be exclusive or judgmental; be approachable and accepting

Learn to Love- Do things for people because you love them, not because you have to

Read: John 13:34-35 (same verse as last week)

I. The GOOD SAMARITAN (Luke 10:25-37)

-A man was traveling 17 miles down a steep, rocky wilderness trail. This trail was known for being hard to travel and dangerous too, as thieves lurked around the corners. This trail became known as "The Way of the Blood".

A. The Priest & Levite- had "more IMPORTANT" things to do & made EXCUSES

***these were the "spiritual elite" people**

- 1. were headed to do their "religious duties" and didn't want to mess up their schedules**
- 2. was worried that they would become "unclean" and have to go through an uncomfortable process**
- 3. they were too "spiritually high" to "lower" themselves to help someone**

B. The Samaritan- had COMPASSION

***these were looked at by the Jews as the "mixed breed" of Jews & Gentiles**

***they were considered sinners, dumb, and unclean**

- 1. The Samaritan stopped what he was doing**
- 2. The Samaritan went out of his way to find an inn**
- 3. The Samaritan sacrificed his money**
- 4. The Samaritan was willing to do more (he didn't do just enough to get by)**

Ask Yourself: How am I like the Priest and Levite in the story?

Read: I John 3:16-18. What does this say about showing compassion to others?

II. 5 Simple Ways of Showing Love (by Gary Chapman)

*Write down your own examples of each below each point

A. QUALITY TIME

- stop what you are doing and hang out with them
- show interest in what they are interested in
- give your undivided attention to them

B. WORDS of Affirmation (Encouragement)

- find something positive to say about them
- notice and point out their achievements

C. GIFTS

- buy or give them something

D. PHYSICAL TOUCH

- give them a hug
- give them a smile

E. Acts of SERVICE (doing things for people)

- go out of your way to help someone out
- do a job that no one else would do



Think About It...

Who is someone I see around that I never talk to?

Who is someone that seems to need a friend?

What is 1 way that I can show them God's love this week?

When I go back to school, what do I need to make a commitment to do for people to see that I have God's love in me?

Take it Home

Read Colossians 3:12-13