



Series: Love Them Anyway
“They Hurt You...”
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Talk It Over

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I. Love must be _____

II. We are most _____ when we
_____ Jesus

III. But how do you _____ this difficult

SMALL TALK

1. Has anyone ever played a practical joke on you that didn't feel all that funny to you? Did you play one back on them? Care to share that story?

VIEWPOINT

2. **READ Romans 12:9-20.** How does this section reveal what Paul means in verses 12:1-2? How does your allegiance to Christ our King show up in your relationships with others (the poor, outsiders, your enemies, those suffering)?
3. Can you show how love (v. 9) and peace (v. 18) are the general rules out of which all of the rest of these examples flow?

GETTING PERSONAL

4. This week, how can you practice “love” and “peace” with your family? With your co-workers? With your Small group? With your Church? With _____ (is the Holy Spirit urging you to fill in this blank with a name of a person?)
5. Of the commands listed in 12:9-20, which two are easiest for you to keep? Which two are the most difficult to keep? Why?
6. Why is it that if we were asked to think about our top 3 wishes that none of these commandments show up on our wish lists? Whom do you need to love and bless this week even though he or she hurts you?

MAKING PROGRESS

7. One of our core statements is: “Followers say, ‘Follow me.’” We learned from Sunday's message that only through the power of the Holy Spirit are we enabled to follow Jesus. What do you need to do to follow more sincerely, authentically, in a more genuine way? How can you begin that right now? What step can you take today, tomorrow, and throughout this week?

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