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We Love and Obey **Church: What We Do** **Community Group Discussion 2** *John 15*

John 14:15 *If you love me, you will keep my commandments. [ESV]*

When we truly LOVE Jesus, we will truly OBEY Jesus

The bride of Christ must understand that love for Jesus and obedience to Jesus cannot be divorced. We can't just use the cliché, "I love Jesus" then go and disobey everything He has called us to do. Allow me to give you some assurance of how much Jesus has first loved us.

1] Jesus loves us unconditionally and eternally.

John 15:9 *As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. [ESV]*

2] Jesus loves us and gives us love for one another.

John 15:12 *"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. [ESV]*

3] Jesus loves us by laying down His life for us.

John 15:13 *Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. [ESV]*

Discuss some ways Jesus has proved His love for you specifically.

When we deeply love someone or something we give our lives to it or him/her. We want to consume it, be with them, and have as much time with it or him/her. If we love Jesus we will, at some point, do what Jesus desires of us.

The love we have for Jesus will lead us to action. We will desire to be with Him and be like Him. When we desire to be like Him it lead us to obey Him.

The first thing in obeying Jesus, as a Church, is our love for others. When our love, for Jesus, moves us to action it can make our Gospel message irresistible to a lost and dying world.

Love for Jesus and Obedience to Jesus can change the world.

1 John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. [ESV]

God is pretty clear, in that passage, about how love plays an essential role in the life of His Church. Look at John 14:15 again...

John 14:15

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. [ESV]

Now take a look at John 15:10, Jesus goes on to say:

John 15:10

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. [ESV]

Obeying Jesus will, in a sense, keep us being a loving people. Obeying Jesus will keep us wanting to love Him more, and reveal His love to others more by our desire to love them more.

Discussion Questions:

- 1] What are some ways we can better obey Jesus?
- 2] What did the Holy Spirit say to you through this passage?
- 3] What are some ways you can love others better?

Imagine This...

Imagine how much we could change the world if we simply began to love Jesus so much that we began to obey all He has called us to do and be.