

WEEK 3

MIDDLE SCHOOL DISCUSSION GUIDE

THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

The love of Jesus brings us together and shows the world who He is

BIBLE

John 13:35; Colossians 3:14; John 17:21-23

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Jesus' plan wasn't just to save individuals but to form a family—a community marked by radical love. In a world full of division, drama, and cliques, Christian unity stands out. This week we'll explore what it means to love one another deeply, fight for peace, and be the kind of community where people feel seen, safe, and supported.

Let's Break the Ice // [OPTIONAL]: Discipleship Moment Follow Up

- Have you ever felt left out of a group? What was that like?
- Last week's discipleship moment challenged us to memorize 2 Corinthians 5:18-21. Did anyone memorize it? Can you say it right now?

Before We Open Our Bibles

- How do you know when a group is truly welcoming and united?
- What stood out to you from the message this week?

Bible Study

- Read Together: As a group read John 13:35; Colossians 3:14; and John 17:21-23
 - *Telos Bible Page Numbers: John 13:35 (pg 1050) // Colossians 3:14 (pg 1169) // John 17:21-23 (pg 1054)*

Discussion Questions:

- What does Jesus say will show others that we are His followers?
- Why is love so important in the way we treat each other?
- How can our small group be a place where people feel safe, seen, and supported?
- What does it mean to choose "we" over "me"? Give a couple of examples.

Make it Real:

- What can we do to make our small group feel more like a family?

Prayer

- Share requests
- Pray for your group to be known for love and unity. Ask God to break down walls and strengthen the bond you have through Christ.

[OPTIONAL] Discipleship Moment: Bridge Builder Challenge

Challenge students to reach out to someone they don't normally talk to at church or school. Invite them to come check out our small group, sit with them at lunch or simply ask how they're doing.