

WEEK 3

WE OVER ME // LESSON OUTLINE

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.

WHAT?

How many of us know what it's like to feel left out, judged, or on the outside of a group? The truth is, relationships can be messy—especially at school, in friend groups, and even at church. But Jesus gave us a powerful command: **"Love one another."** Not just the people who are easy to love, but *everyone*. He said the world would recognize us as His followers by the way we love one another. That means how we treat each other—how we talk, how we forgive, how we support—actually says something about Jesus to the world watching.

SO WHAT?

When we follow Jesus, we're invited into something bigger than ourselves. We're part of a spiritual family. And like any family, it takes work, grace, and love to stay united. In Colossians, Paul says that love binds everything together. Jesus prayed for unity—not because it's easy, but because it's *powerful*. Our love for one another is one of the clearest ways people will see that Jesus is real. So when we gossip, exclude, or hold grudges, we're not just hurting each other—we're damaging our witness. But when we choose "we over me," we're showing the world a glimpse of heaven.

NOW WHAT?

Here are a few ways we can live out unity this week:

- **Ask yourself:** Is there someone in your life—at church, at school, on your team—that you've avoided, gossiped about, or excluded? What would it look like to make it right?
- **Say one encouraging thing** to someone who might need it. Kindness costs nothing, but it can mean everything.
- **Be someone who brings people together**, not someone who causes division.
- **Pray for your small group**—that this would be a place where everyone feels safe, included, and known.
- **Choose "we" over "me."** Ask Jesus to help you love people the way He loves you.