



February 2016 – Love
Week Seven - February 14-20

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”
John 15:12 (NIV)

We are to love each other as Jesus loved us and he loved us enough to give his life for us. We may not have to die for someone but there are other ways to practice sacrificial love; listening helping, encouraging, giving. Think of someone in particular who needs this kind of love and give all the love you can...and then try to give a little more.
On the following page are a few ideas that you could do to show your love for one another.

- Love the person right in front of you. There is so much pain and loneliness in the world, you can be pretty sure the person next to on the bus or the checker at the grocery store could use a kind word, a smile, or a helping hand. Get off your cell phone and talk to them. Get to know them. Ask them how their day is going... and *mean it*. Remember their name.
- Take food to your neighbors. Nothing fancy... a plate of cookies, a loaf of fresh-baked bread. When you give it to them, don't drop it in their arms and run. Stand and talk for a bit if they seem to want that.
- Have neighbors over for dinner or dessert. Don't make it formal or fancy. Just pizza and pop. Or BBQ and beer. Don't try to turn it into a Bible study. Just laugh, tell stories, and listen.
- Hand out homeless bags to people you see on the street. Carry 2-3 bags around in your car and hand out them out when you see people begging on street corners.
- Volunteer to help feed the poor and homeless in your area. Bring crafts to do with the children.
- When someone tells you they have an upcoming job interview, a test, or a doctor appointment, mark it on your calendar. Follow up on the big day with a note of encouragement to let them know you are praying for them, or ask them how it went afterward. Better yet, do both!

