

The Jesus Studies | *Jesus And Loving Others*

Let's face it: It can be hard for teenagers to live as Christ-followers in their day-to-day life. And a lot of this has to do with other people's perceptions of what it means to be a Christian. The world has so much to say about who Christ-followers are, most of it misguided. How can teenagers accurately portray who they are in Christ? According to Jesus, one of the most effective ways can be summed up in one phrase: loving others.

Jesus and Loving Others will help you teach your students to that loving others is second only to loving God; that it takes a heart after Christ's to love those who don't like us; that Jesus desires for His people to actively show love to the poor and needy; and that as Christ-followers, their very identity is to be defined by their love for others.

Teach *Jesus and Loving Others* to your students and help challenge them to embrace a life of loving others.

***Jesus and Loving Others* Is Loaded With Resources:**

- 4 Interactive Leader's Guides complete with Bible Background
- 12 out-of-class devotions
- 4 Parent Pages for at-home discipleship
- PowerPoint backgrounds and Promo Art
- Teacher Prep Video to help you prepare
- Social Media suggestions for before and after each lesson

***Jesus And Loving Others* Lesson Overviews**

Lesson 1: The Greatest Commandment

- **Learning Objective:** Students will learn that according to Jesus, loving others is second only to loving God. It's a crucial part of being who God wants us to be; and will be challenged to evaluate their own attitudes toward loving others, especially in light of what it says about how they love God.
- **Scripture Focus:** Matthew 22:34-40; 1 John 3:10

Lesson 2: Love Isn't Always Easy

- **Learning Objective:** Students will learn that it's easy to love people who love us back, but it takes a heart after Christ's to love those who don't like us; and will be challenged to identify some examples of what it practically looks like to love their "enemies," and to commit to living out their responses.
- **Scripture Focus:** Matthew 5:43-48; Romans 13:8-10

Lesson 3: Loving The Least

- **Learning Objective:** Students will learn that Jesus desires for His people to actively show love to the poor and needy, those who Jesus called "the least of these"; and will be challenged to identify practical ways they can demonstrate the love of Christ to the poor and needy in their community.
- **Scripture Focus:** Matthew 25:31-46; Deuteronomy 15:7-8

Lesson 4: Known By Their Love

- **Learning Objective:** Students will learn that as Christ-followers, they are to be defined by their love for others; and will be challenged to define what it means to demonstrate Christ's love for others and to identify a few practical ways they can act in a loving way toward others.
- **Scripture Focus:** John 13:31-35; John 15:12-13; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7