

Rush CREEK LOVES.

Rush Creek Loves Week 3 - Love People

Open by saying this: “At Rush Creek, we believe that loving people well reflects the heart of Jesus and creates safe and transformative environments for discipleship. Through this practice, we overcome darkness with goodness, and we help one another abide in Christ’s love.”

Read: Romans 12:9-21

Discussion: Choose a few questions to discuss with your group. Remember, quality and depth matter more than getting through every question.

1. What does it mean to love people without hypocrisy? Do you have a habit of faking kindness to people in your life? (v. 9)
2. In verse 10, Paul instructs us to “outdo one another” or your bible might say “take the lead” in showing honor to one another. Would people in your life characterize you as having this kind of active love? What roadblocks prevent us from being initiators of honor and love?
3. Verse 13 says to “Share with the saints in their needs”. As a small group, are we good at seeing and meeting needs? Is this a group where you feel comfortable sharing your needs and struggles?
4. Why is hospitality so important for a community of believers to pursue? How does hospitality grow us in love?
5. One of the most difficult commands in scripture is “bless those who persecute you”. When you are conflict with others, how do you stay grounded in this command? (v14)
6. Read verse 20 and 21. Here Paul tells us that we do not overcome evil by beating it down, but through humility and love, living by the Spirit. Have you seen this in your own life? Have you practiced this?
7. In what ways do you think you struggle to love people? How do we identify these weaknesses?

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Challenge: Commit this week to an action of love you normally don't engage in. Consider one of these suggestions

- Sending a friend an encouraging text when they cross your mind
- Reconciling a damaged or abandoned relationship
- Finding a unique way to serve a neighbor or family member etc.

Close in Prayer: