

DON'T GIVE UP LOVING EACH OTHER

WEEKLY ACTION STEP

This week, make a list of at least three fellow believers with whom you've had disagreements in the past. Take time to pray for those people as well as yourself, ask that God would soften your heart to help love them in the same way Jesus loves you.

TAKEAWAYS

- Don't give up loving Christians you know.
- Don't give up loving Christians you don't know.
- Don't give up loving Christians who are suffering.
- How we love each other is a direct reflection of how we love Jesus.

SCRIPTURE

Read Hebrews 13:1-3, Galatians 6:9-10,

QUESTIONS

- 1. How have you typically dealt with Christians in the past when you had a hard time loving them? How might the truth of John 13:34-35 change how you approach those same people in the future?
- 2. Pastor Ron reminds us that God expects us to love those who are suffering. Can you recall a time when you were suffering and someone in your life demonstrated God's love to you in a small or big way?
- 3. Shame often makes it challenging to love others well or receive love well. Which people in your life are struggling with shame and could use God's love and encouragement? How can you represent Jesus's love and acceptance for them?
- 4. In Galatians, Paul writes believers to remind them of their responsibility to stay faithful and not give up in doing good for others. How can you tangibly express love to others in the family of God in your everyday life, especially for those believers you may not know?
- 5. Pastor Ron spoke about the persecuted church today. Check out this website for more information on the persecuted Church. Choose a country and start to pray regularly for the believers there. https://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/world-watch-list/ Read Matthew 25:34-36. How have you lived these verses out in your life? In what ways are these verses challenging to you?