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INTRODUCTION

In times of uncertainty, leaning into Jesus' teaching on loving each other like He loved us will bind us together (John 13:34-35). We live in a world, in a country and at a time that is an absolute love desert; it is completely and utterly dry. If we took seriously Jesus' command to love one another, we'd be an oasis in the desert. We'd lay the foundation for someone on the outside who is thirsty for something different to take steps towards the only One who can satisfy.

DISCUSSION

1. In this time of uncertainty, is your love for others increasing, decreasing or stagnant? Explain why.
2. What does it look like to love others who disagree with your politics, religion and/or worldview?
3. Pastor Jesse said, "Some of us have fallen prey to thinking we're fighting the good fight when what we're actually doing is playing right into the enemy's hand." How does one know if they have fallen prey to the enemy in this way?
4. What does a follower of Jesus need to live according to 1 Peter 2:12, which says:
"Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us."

DO SOMETHING

1. During one of your quiet times this week, read all of John 17 and ask God for what you need to embody unity.
2. Consider how you might show love to a relative, neighbor, co-worker or acquaintance.
3. If you believe you have "fallen prey to the enemy," repent, ask for forgiveness and make it right with anyone you've sinned against.
4. Consider what needs to start and/or stop for you to be a follower of Jesus that reflects 1 Peter 2:12. Make a plan and begin implementing it this week.

RESOURCES

1. *Love Does* by Bob Goff on [RightNow Media](#)
2. *One* by Dennis Rouse on [RightNow Media](#)