

**FAMILY LIFE CHURCH OF THE VALLEY  
LIFE GROUP - RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

**TITLE: THE SEVEN GREATEST WORDS OF LOVE**

**SESSION THREE: THE WORD OF LOVE**

**KEY VERSE: When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.”**

**John 19:26-27a (NIV)**

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,” and the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

John 19:25-27 (NIV)

**TO LOVE LIKE JESUS, I MUST**

**1.) Care for my \_\_\_\_\_.**

Love isn’t just something you say, it’s something to do.

We show the love of Jesus to our family

- **By** \_\_\_\_\_
- **By meeting** \_\_\_\_\_

Show respect for widows who really are all alone. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, they should learn first to carry out their religious duties toward their own family and in this way repay their parents and grandparents, because that is what pleases God.

1 Timothy 5:3-4 (GNT)

Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)

- **By giving** \_\_\_\_\_

Friend love through all kinds of weathers, and families stick together in all kinds of trouble.

Proverbs 17:17 MSG)

**THE SEVEN GREATEST WORDS OF LOVE SESSION THREE (Cont.)**

**2.) Treat \_\_\_\_\_ as my family.**

“For whoever does the will of my father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”  
Matthew 12:50 (NIV)

Do not rebuke an older man, but appeal to him as if he were your father. Treat the younger men as your brothers, the older women as mothers, and the younger women as sisters, with all purity.

1 Timothy 5:1-2 (GNT)

Be devoted to each other like a loving family. Excel in showing respect for each other.  
Romans 12:10 (GW)

When we have the opportunity to help anyone, we should do it. But we should give special attention to those who are in the family of believers.

Galatians 6:10 (NCV)

Share each other’s burden, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2 (NLT)

**3.) Learn to see \_\_\_\_\_ even when I’m in pain.**

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Philippians 2:5 (NLT)

Since Christ suffered and underwent pain, you must have the same attitude he did; you must be ready to suffer, too. For remember, when your body suffers, sin loses its power.

1 Peter 4:1 (TLB)

**4.) Meet \_\_\_\_\_ even if mine aren’t met.**

Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, “How can I help?”

Romans 15:2 (MSG)

**Look for Jesus disguised as a \_\_\_\_\_**

When God’s people are in need be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.  
Romans 12:13 (NLT)

**THE SEVEN GREATEST WORDS OF LOVE SESSION THREE (Cont.)**

**WHEN GRIEVING . . .**

- \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus cares about your pain
- \_\_\_\_\_ love from others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ somebody else to help.

**DISCOVERY QUESTIONS:**

1.) One of the ways we love like Jesus is to care for our own family. Is there anything you need to change in the way you think and act toward them?

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2.) What do you think about the idea that you should look for Jesus disguised as a hurting person? How might that change the way you think and act toward them?

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3.) The Bible says we should treat other believers like our family. Talk about why that is important. Include John 13:55 in your conversation: "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." (NLT).

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4.) What are some of the reasons you think God encourages us to use our pain to comfort others? How have you been comforted by someone else who went through a similar experience? In what ways can you help others based some of the difficult things you have experienced in your life?

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5.) To love like Jesus is to meet other's need even when your needs aren't being met. What is one thing you can start doing today that will help you love this way?

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