

Series Introduction: Loving One Another in Christian Community

The purpose of this series is to help you love others more holistically in the context of your church community. There are many Scripture passages that directly address how Christians should treat one another in a way that edifies others and glorifies God. And that is the focus of this series.

One way of exploring this topic is by studying many of the “one another” passages in the Bible, such as “love one another” (1 John 3:23). But this series does not limit itself to passages where the phrase “one another” appears, since the biblical authors communicated how we should relate to another in a variety of ways.

We begin by focusing on the topic of loving one another. It is an ideal starting point since love is the most comprehensive Christian virtue (Matt. 22:37–40; 1 Cor. 13:13; Col. 3:14). As expressions of our love for one another, we will speak the Word to one another, pray for one another, serve one another, comfort one another, and (when there is conflict) reconcile with one another.

This series focuses on the following *passages of Scripture* and *summaries of sound doctrine* (also called *sound teaching*):

Lesson	Primary Scripture Passages	Sound Doctrine
One	1 John 3:9–24	Loving One Another
Two	2 Timothy 3:1–4:8	Speaking the Word to One Another
Three	John 17	Praying for One Another
Four	1 Corinthians 12	Serving One Another
Five	2 Corinthians 1:3–11	Comforting One Another
Six	Matthew 5:21–26; 18:15–20	Reconciling with One Another