

What Jesus Taught Us About Love & Unity

Christian love always calls us to be radical. In the Scripture activity below, discover how Jesus invites us to live out this radical love.

- 1 Look up each Scripture passage. Think about how Jesus' words and actions in each of these passages exemplify radical love. Record some key words about how Jesus shows love in each example.

Matthew 19:13–14

John 8:1–11

Luke 6:31

Matthew 15:32

- 2 Pair up with a classmate and compare your notes. How does each passage exemplify *radical love*? With your partner, imagine modern examples of the type of radical love shown by Jesus in each of these passages. Be prepared to share your modern examples with the class.
- 3 Given your research into these Scripture passages, how would you and your partner define *radical love*?

After sharing your modern examples of radical love with your partner, rejoin the class and dive a little deeper into the themes from these passages with these discussion prompts:

- 1 Share your definitions of *radical love*.
- 2 The Scripture excerpt from Matthew 19:13–14 refers to the pure love of children. We are encouraged to seek, work for, and nourish this type of love in our relationships. What words would you use to describe the love of a child? Why is this held up as an ideal for us to strive for?
- 3 The Scripture excerpt from the Gospel of John refers to love as nonjudgmental. Describe a time when you have experienced unfair judgment or made assumptions based on appearances or rumor.
- 4 The Scripture excerpt from the Gospel of Luke directs us to treat others the way we want to be treated. Why can this be challenging?
- 5 The Scripture excerpt from Matthew 15:32 refers to the feeding of the four thousand with only seven loaves of bread and a few fish. What is one way you have witnessed this "care for neighbor"?
- 6 What is one specific thing you can do to build relationships that are free of unfair judgments?

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