

Koinonia

Week Four: Committed Long-Term



Following God and doing what He says isn't just a one-time event. It's something that we continue to grow in for a lifetime. If we want to continually grow in our love for God and others, it means we are willing to commit to living in community and allow God's Word to sink into our hearts. In this study, we will take a look at how we can stay committed to obeying the Bible, and staying committed to God and others long-term.

Introspect

- Why is it difficult at times to do what the Bible says? Why does "obedience" tend to make us uncomfortable?
- Think about how you view the Bible. Describe your commitment to following Scripture. How has following the Bible impacted your relationships?

Investigate

"Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling." - 1 John 2:10 (ESV)

Read 1 John 2:3-11 and 1 John 2:19-20

- How does commitment to stay in community help us do the things God wants us to do?
- What's the importance of growing in Christ? What kind of imagery does John use that gives us a picture of what it means to be constantly growing?
- How can obedience to the Bible be a measure for whether or not we are following God? Is there ever a time when obedience can become legalism? Why or why not?

Read 1 Peter 4:7-10

- What does love that “covers a multitude of sins” look like? Does this mean we look the other way when we see another Christ follower sin? Why or why not?
- What effect does loving one another have on our relationships?

“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.” - 1 Peter 4:8 (ESV)

Incorporate

- Think about how you’ve been living. Would you say your life reflects what the Word of God says to do? Why or why not? Are there areas in your life where you know you need to change? Share with your group.
- Are there situations that have caused you to have a hard time living out Biblical principles?
- How does love and humility play key roles in staying committed to following God?
- What does it really look like to have committed long-term relationships and not give up when things get tough? How does that build unity instead of division?
- How can we challenge each other to walk in the light and remain loving? In what ways are you growing in your love for people?

Investment

The Cove’s Core Values

We love God passionately.
We love people unconditionally.
We take the Bible seriously.
We stay united.
We are generous.
We keep it real.

The Cove’s Discipleship Strategy

Attend a weekly service.
Practice a regular quiet time with God.
Participate in a Cove Life Group.
Serve on a Cove Ministry Team.

