

Friending: Coming Together in a World That is Driving Us Apart
Week 1 - You Know Who You Look Like?
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Cultural challenges...

How We Look...John 13:34-35, 15:13, 17:23; Galatians 5:14

Big Idea: Jesus said we'd look more like him through our _____, not our _____.

A New Yardstick...1 Corinthians 13:1-3, Matthew 5:43-44

Challenges in the Church...

3 Foundational Ideas for This Series

1. Love is defined by the _____ (1 John 3:16)
2. We are declared worthy of _____ and _____ through Jesus' actions. (John 3:16)
3. How we _____ others is our response to the _____ of God. (1 John 3:16)

Next Steps:

1. Ask yourself, "How well am I doing at _____ God's love?" (Romans 5:5)
2. Ask yourself, "What is determining my _____ of love?"
3. Engage everyone this week as " _____ " people.

"Based upon what I heard God telling me through this message, I will _____."

Discussion Questions:

- What do you wish were different about your friendships?
- How do you define "friendship"?
- Pastor Scott mentioned 3 cultural challenges (isolation, social media, politics) which make friendships difficult? What would you add to that list?
- We learned that Jesus operated with a "different yardstick" than the religious leaders in his day did. What do you use to evaluate how you're doing in terms of growth and maturity?
- Pastor Scott explored several challenges within the church to friendship. Which of those have you experienced?
- In the Next Steps section, we were invited us to ask ourselves two questions. If you feel comfortable, how did you answer them?
- Have you had an interesting experiences as you took Next Step 3?

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