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## LIFEgroup Homework

For the week of: June 25, 2017

“Why Can’t We Be Friends”

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### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What was your first vehicle? Did it have a name? Any stories about it?
2. What’s something in you house you want to get rid of but can’t??

### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read John 13:34-35 together.  
Jesus is talking with his disciples at the table. He is preparing them for the coming days, after he is crucified, dies and then rises to life. What is Jesus asking the Disciples to practice in verse 34-35?

How has Jesus loved the disciples & people in the past? (*Take a look here for a few ideas: John 6:1-13, Mark 6:50, Mark 7:31-35*)

What about some of the other ways he showed love, like: showing up in times of grief (John 11:17, 35), praying for people (John 17:1), talking with and befriending outcasts (John 4, Matt. 9:9), and more.

On a scale of 1-10 how good are you at loving others like Jesus did?

What are a few ways people could love like Jesus loved?

2. Many people tend to value either truth or grace a little more. Which are you? Do you value saying the true thing, even when it’s hard or do you tend to value loving others first and making sure they fell accepted?

Read John 1:17. What two things did Jesus bring?

Share a time when someone modeled both Truth & Grace to you? Or Share a time where someone only offered one without the other.

How does this verse impact how you think about being friends with other people? How could you practice a little more truth or a little more grace in your interactions this week?

3. Read through Acts 2:36-47. Tim reminded us of these two truths from these verses. Here in Acts is the first gathering of Jesus followers, who are people of the first Church. The truths are:
  1. We all desperately Need Jesus
  2. Jesus desperately loves everyone

How could remembering your need for Jesus and his love for other people impact how you treat those who are difficult to be around?

Read Acts 2:42. Is there a truth, a verse, or a Bible story that could be your reminder this week about loving others as Jesus loved us?

### TAKING IT HOME

“Why Can’t We Be Friends?” As you hum this familiar song, remember that we are invited and called to love other people, even the *tough-to-love*, and *different-than-us* people in our lives. The great news is that if our actions can echo what Jesus modeled for us, our friends just might notice that you follow Jesus. And then they may notice what Jesus is really like as John 13:35 says.

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### Prayer Requests:

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