

A New Commandment – John 13:31-35

Step One – Read the passage through slowly, taking time to really let it sink in. Maybe even read it a second time through before you move on. Circle or underline any words or phrases that jump out at you.

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³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him,^[a] God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Step Two: Taking each word or phrase that jumped out at you, ask yourself:

- 1- What is happening in this story that makes these words/phrases meaningful in the story?
- 2- What is the Holy Spirit doing through these words in this story?

Step Three: Looking at each word/phrase and your response to each, ask yourself,

- 1- “What do I think these words/phrases say about God/Jesus?”
- 2- “What do I think these words/phrases say about the others in the story?”

Step Four: Now ask yourself:

- 1- “What do I think God is saying to me in each of these?”
- 2- “How do these words/phrases connect to each other?”
- 3- “How do these words/phrases connect to me and my life?”
- 4- “Why do I think God is speaking to me regarding this?”

Step Five: Pray, asking God to show you how you should respond to these insights from your study today.

Step Six: Make yourself a little note or reminder of some sort to help you work on this for the rest of the week.

Step Seven: Put the reminder in a place that will help you remember your discipline of working on this insight, like:

- 1- The Refrigerator door
- 2- Car dashboard
- 3- Bathroom mirror
- 4- Nightstand
- 5- Cellphone cover
- 6- Anywhere that will help you in your practice of your discipline.