

The New Commandment For The New Community

John 13:34-35

Series: Love One Another – Part 1

Introduction - Taking Jesus Seriously?

31 Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, (then) you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 8:31-32 (NAS)

21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me: and he who loves Me shall be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him."

John 14:21 (NAS)

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand."

Matthew 7:24, 26 (NAS)

Taking Jesus Seriously Means We Take His _____ Seriously!

So . . .

Our Challenge?

◆ To Take Jesus' Words _____, "To _____
One Another."

- Why Is This So Critical?
- How Are We Going To Accomplish It?
- What Does This Mean For SCBC This Fall?
- What Does This Mean For **You**?

Discussion Questions

1. According to Jesus, how seriously did/does He expect His followers to take His Words? Explain.
2. What is the difference between the old commandments and this new command?
3. Why do you think Jesus only gave one new commandment? Why this one?
4. Imagine/discuss out loud, as a group, what SCBC would look like if we took this new commandment as seriously as the early church did.
5. What will “taking seriously” John 13:34 look like in your life **this fall** at SCBC? In your personal life **this week**?