

# Middle School Discussion Guide

*Healthy Connections: For the week of August 16 - 22, 2020*

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## Main Thought and Scripture:

*"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup>This is my command: Love each other." (John 15:12-17 NIV)*

This passage is all about loving those around us. Jesus shares his example of his love for us. He then commands us to love others the same—easier said than done. But what helps us love others in God's way is when our relationship with Jesus is healthy. Through that, we are able to love those around us in a healthy way. We are able to serve them in acts of love and see them as God sees them. It's not always easy but when we love God we can't help but love people as well.

## Discussion Questions:

- When you read about how Jesus loves you, how does that make you feel? Do you think understanding that Jesus loves you is important?
- What are some practical ways that you can express love in serving those around you (friends, family, neighbors, other youth)?

## Prayer Points:

- Pray that we can learn more about God's love for us.
- Pray that we are able to love those around us beyond our feelings so we can serve them.