



### **Living Out God's Vision!**

*CtK exists to connect all people to the life-giving message of Jesus, as we experience God, find freedom, discover purpose, and make a difference in our world.*

### **Day 7, Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> —Make a Difference Locally**

***A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.***

***John 13:34-35***

In this passage, Jesus is talking to His disciples about His new commandment before He is taken to the cross. This new commandment envelops the two greatest commandments the LORD gave us; to love God and to love one another. At first glance this passage seemed rather repetitive, but this is exactly what Jesus wanted to disciples to see. There is an obvious emphasis on this part *love one another* because Jesus says it three times. He wants the disciples to fully grasp this new direction He wants His people to live in. On top of this beautiful commandment, He gives the disciples an amazing truth behind His reasoning. He tells them that by loving one another, ALL people will know WE are His disciples. I love the word *all* in this verse. Jesus is saying that if we truly and genuinely love people, it will not go unnoticed. People will be drawn to that unique, beautiful new type of love.

In our society today, there is so much hate and negativity. This is why letting the LORD use you as a light for Him to shine His love is such an incredible thing. This commandment was not just relevant 2,000 years ago. As we read this in 2017, it is incredibly evident that our local society is so thirsty for Jesus Christ's love. This is why every single one of us are tasked with going out and spreading His unconditional love and joy. There are so many ministries within CTK that are amazing opportunities to get involved in our community; such as the King's Closet, Helping Hands, Youth mission, and many more. By going out, even just locally, people will notice the love the LORD has lavished on you. This is how we connect people to the life-giving message of Jesus Christ by going out and loving on people.

*Dear Heavenly Father, you are so so so good, your Spirit has been poured out all over CTK and it is so significant. Thank You for pouring your magnificent love upon us so that we many go out and love another. We thank you for your Scripture filled with beautiful truth; we are so thankful for how clear you made this commandment for us. So that we know our duty here on earth is to love people in your name. We are so incredibly thankful for CTK and all the efforts within; to go out and be Disciples of Christ. Our congregation asks you, Heavenly Father to bless these efforts and continue to grow the ministries. I ask that you open the hearts of everyone in CTK to hear your calling on their life so that they may be bold enough to step up and find their place to serve your name. We also humbly ask that you, LORD continue to lavish us all in your perfect love, that all of our hearts may be overflowing with your love. I am beyond overjoyed to be able to witness your power in this congregation and I cannot wait to see where your hand guides us next, may we be your vessel for those plans. In your holy, precious name. Amen.*

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