Counter Culture

Week 6

Main Idea

To live counterculturally for Jesus, we need to love each other like Jesus.

Starter

When have you felt the greatest and least sense of belonging in your life?

Discuss

Who is someone where you live, learn, work, and play that you could pray for and invite with you to Easter this year?

Spend some time praying for your family, friends, and neighbors to be drawn to the hope of Jesus this Easter.

Scripture

Pick five different people to read the following verses: <u>1 Peter 1:22</u>, <u>1 Peter 3:8</u>, <u>1 Peter 4:8</u>, <u>Matthew</u> <u>46-47</u>, and <u>John 13:35</u>.

- What do these verses have in common? What do they say about how we are to love each other?
- Have everyone share a truth about God that most challenges you from these passages?
- How is loving people like Jesus countercultural?
- What is a relationship where you need to grow in loving someone deeply from the heart?

Apply

Pass out notecards to your group and have them put their name on one side of the card. On the back, write down

- One way you could love someone more like Jesus in your life and,
- One person you would like to be drawn to the hope of Jesus this Easter

Have everyone turn the cards in and then distribute them to the group to pray for during the week. Then, spend time praying together as the Holy Spirit leads.