

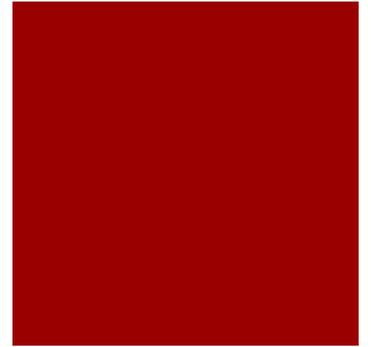
MISSION, VALUES, AND PURPOSE

SESSION 3

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

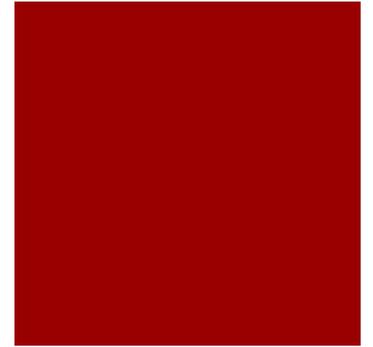
John 13:34-35

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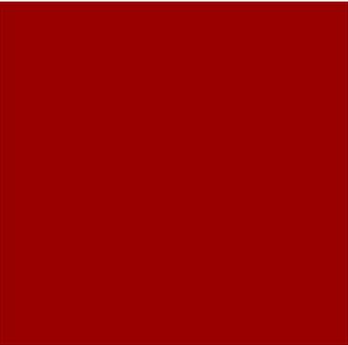
- Jesus taught that when Christians love one another it shows that they are followers of Christ.
- *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* (John 13:34-35; Rom. 12:13)



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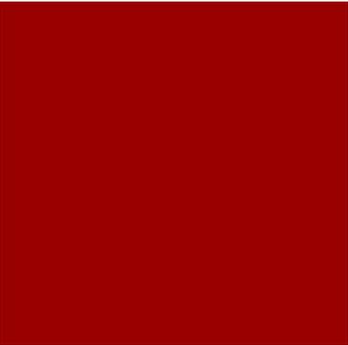
- The earliest disciples knew how important this was:
 - *Col 2:2, "My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love"*
 - *1 John 4:7, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God."*
 - *1 John 4:12, "if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."*
 - *1 Corinthians 12:25, "so that there would be no division in the body, but that the members would have the same concern for each other."*



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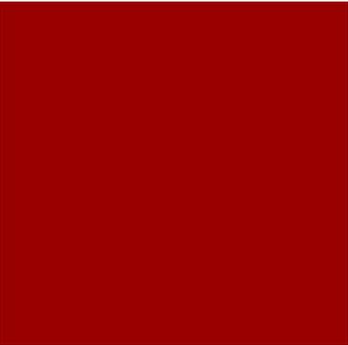
- Therefore the Bible teaches that Loving One Another
 - Is a command for all Christians
 - Builds unity among Christians
 - Shows we are born again
 - Shows God is working in us
 - Is modeled by Jesus
 - Identifies His disciples
 - Can be witnessed by those around us





How do we love one another?

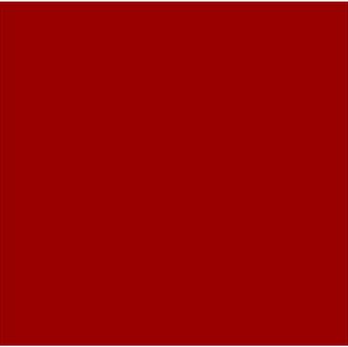
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- The Bible mentions many ways.
 - We suffer with one another (1 Cor. 12:26)
 - We serve one another (Gal. 5:13)
 - We worship in unity with one another (Eph. 5:19-20)
 - We speak the truth to one another in love (Eph. 4:25)
 - We forgive one another (Eph. 4:32)



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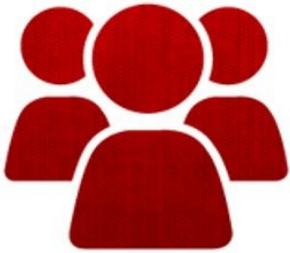
- The Bible mentions many ways.
 - We sacrifice for one another (Eph. 5:2)
 - We submit to one another (Eph. 5:21)
 - We learn and grow spiritually with one another (Rom. 15:14)
 - We encourage one another (1 Thess. 5:11)
 - Never slander, gossip, or harm one another (James 4:11)
 - We pray for one another (James 5:16)

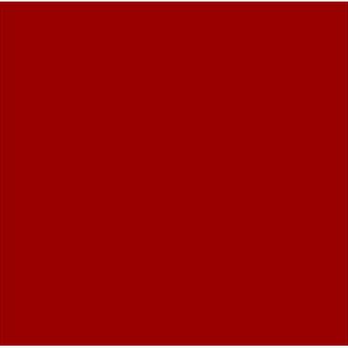




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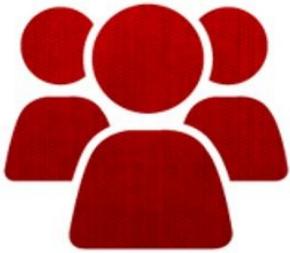
- So the key to loving one another is strong, spiritual, and healthy relationships.
- These biblical relationships can be built and strengthened through small groups.
- Everyone at FBCS is encouraged to join and participate in a small group Bible study to grow spiritually and to love one another.



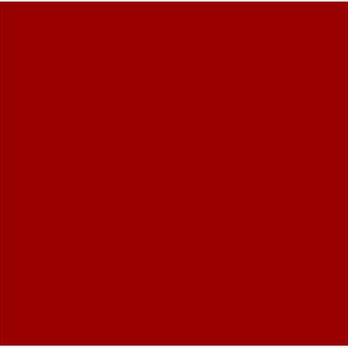


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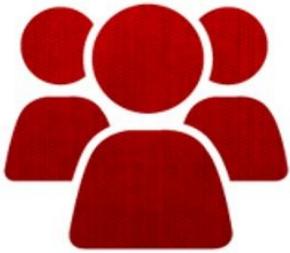
- Also in small groups, we participate with one another in ministry.



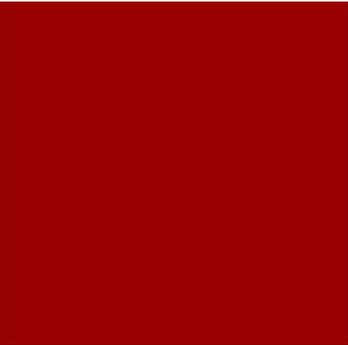
- Loving One Another includes:
- Discipleship:
 - *“We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.” (Col. 1:28)*
 - *“It was He who gave some to be apostles . . . evangelists . . . pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for the works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up . . . and become mature.” (Eph. 4:11-13)*



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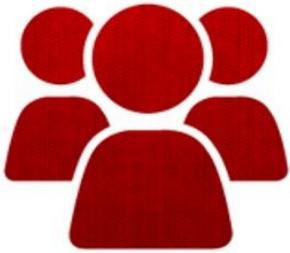


- The goals of small group discipleship in the church are:
 - To grow believers to maturity in Christ.
 - To build up the body of Christ.
- Ministry:
 - *“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. . . . Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you are part of it.”*
(1 Cor. 12:4-5, 27)
- Participating in ministry together reveals our love for one another and that we are part of God’s church.

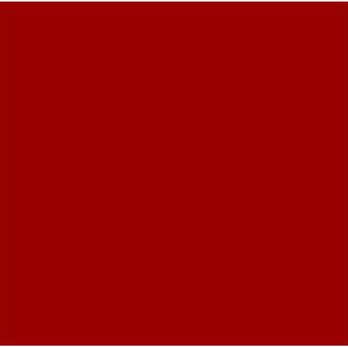


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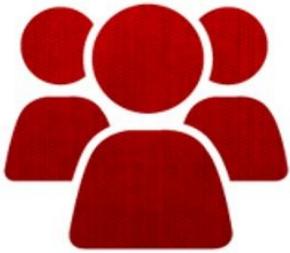
At FBCS . . .



- Every member is a: minister
- Every task is: important
- Every member can participate in some area.



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- Fellowship:
 - *“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer . . . All the believers were together and had everything in common.” (Acts 2:42, 44)*
 - The word “fellowship” comes from a biblical word that expresses the unique spiritual unity we have in Christ. Unity should characterize the church.
 - *“Now the large group of those who believed were of one heart and mind, and no one said that any of his possessions was his own, but instead they held everything in common.” (Acts 4:32)*



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- The church is to be a place of fellowship for all believers!
- Our goal at FBCS is that every member and regular attender participate weekly in a small group Bible study that leads to spiritual maturity and active ministry.

