

7 Habits

*A seven-week program designed to equip people to live a Christ-Driven life at
Limerick Cornerstone Family Church*

“LOVE OTHERS”

LOVE OTHER 7 Habits *Student Syllabus*

Welcome to Limerick Cornerstone Family Church! If this is your first time in this class, I just want you to know how much we appreciate you attending this class.

This is one of seven classes that we call the “7 Habits”. The purpose of 7 Habits is to teach everyone what a Christ-driven life looks like. It’s our main pipeline for the entire church. It’s something we want everyone to go through because it puts us all on the same page.

GOAL OF 7 HABITS: Commitment to live a Christ-Driven Life.

Seven Habits of a Christ-Driven Life

Week 1 – Obey God

Week 2 – Love Others

Week 3 – Daily Worship

Week 4 – Small Group Involvement

Week 5 – Attend Church

Week 6 – Serve Faithfully

Week 7 – Give Sacrificially

So here are some basic facts about 7 Habits...

- This is not intended to be your church fix. Please attend worship service.
- People can enter these weeks at any week. We just want them to complete all seven weeks.
- This not a traditional Sunday School class. We hope and pray that after seven weeks, people make strong commitments to these seven habits and LCFC.
- We want everyone who attends LCFC to go through these classes.
- If you have gone through the Membership Class at LCFC, we ask that you attend the seven weeks related to living out a Christ-Driven life.

LOVE OTHERS

There are three questions that we're going to look at...

- 1) *What is love?*
- 2) *How do I love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength?*
- 3) *How do I love others as myself?*

John 13:35 (NLT)

35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

Your love will _____ to the world that you are a follower of Christ. This is the distinguishing attribute. It's not where you live, the clothes you wear, the family you were raised in, it's not your good deeds, it's not where you work, the primary characteristic will be your love.

1 John 4:7-11 (NLT)

7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

8 But anyone who does not love does not know God—for God is love.

9 God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him.

10 This is real love. It is not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

11 Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.

QUESTION 1 – WHAT IS LOVE?

God is _____. It's part of the very character of God. It's His DNA. It's who He is.

John 3:16 (NIV)

16 "For God so *loved* the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

It is God's love that _____ Him to reach out to us. It is God's love that draws us to Him. It is God's love that motivates Him to reach out to that person who is far from Him.
God is love.

John 8:1-11 (NLT)

1 Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives,

2 but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them.

3 As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and Pharisees brought a woman they had caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.

4 "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the very act of adultery.

5 The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?"

6 They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger.

7 They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, stone her. But let those who have never sinned throw the first stones!"

8 Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.

9 When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman.

10 Then Jesus stood up again and said to her, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?"

11 "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

God loves the _____.

QUESTION 2 – HOW DO I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART, SOUL, AND STRENGTH?

Matthew 22:37 (NLT)

37 Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind."

Jesus makes it clear that God wants us to love Him with all of our _____, all of our _____, and our entire _____.

John 14:15 (NLT)

"If you love me, obey my commandments."

Loving God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength is tied to our _____ to God. Our obedience to God communicates our love to God.

Exodus 34:14 (NLT)

14 You must worship no other gods, for the Lord, whose very name is Jealous, is a God who is jealous about his relationship with you.

This verse tells us that God is this _____ God, whose name is Jealous.

Psalms 42:1-2 (NIV)

1 As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.

2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

If I don't have God in my life, then my existence WILL BE A prolonged experience of unsatisfied desire, spiritual dryness, moral failure and emotional death and that's just reality. That is what will happen to my soul if it's cut off from the Spirit of God.

Q - Do you desire God like that? Is your existence, your satisfaction for life, your very life, dependent on knowing God, knowing Jesus Christ? I mean does your desire to know God trump every other desire in your life? Why is that?

God is attracted to the heart that _____ Him.

Ezekiel 36:25-27 (NASB)

25 "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

26 "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

God does this through Jesus Christ. When we go to God and ask God for forgiveness, we experience the forgiveness of sins. God gives us a _____!

John Piper said in his book *Desiring God*:

"God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him."

QUESTION 3 – HOW DO I LOVE OTHERS AS MYSELF?

Matthew 22:39 (NLT)

39 A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

The first thing we learn is love is a _____ that flows from within. It comes from inside you.

1 John 4:7 (NLT)

7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.

Anyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

In fact, when John says, "Dear friends, let us continue to love one another". The original Greek language says it like this: "*Divinely loved ones, let us habitually love one another.*"

In fact, we may even have a CHECKLIST. I will love you IF...

- You never hurt me
- You never hurt those I love
- You do good things for me
- You respect my space
- You don't become an inconvenience in my life
- You don't annoy me

This kind of love is different from the kind of love described in the O.T. The Greek word is called "agape". It's a brand _____ word for a brand _____ thing. It's mentioned very few times in the O.T. But it's the kind of love that is described in the N.T.

Matthew 5:44-48 (NLT)

44 But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!

45 In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and on the unjust, too.

46 If you love only those who love you, what good is that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much.

47 If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that.

48 But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.

In verse 48, He uses the word "perfect". That means spiritually _____ or _____.

Let me give you some don'ts if anyone ever hurts you in church or out of church...

- Don't hold a grudge.
- Don't talk bad about them to others.
- Don't become bitter.
- Don't come to your own conclusions without talking to them.
- Don't gossip about them (or anything).
- Don't avoid them.
- Don't withdraw.

One of the ways the devil destroys churches more than any other is by creating _____ in the church body.

The closer we grow to God, the more we know God's love for our own life, the _____ the capacity for us to love others. The more we know God's love, the easier it is to love the unlovable.

CHALLENGE FOR COMMITMENT

We're asking everyone who attends this class to make a commitment to love others just as God loves.

God wants us to embrace His love for our lives and He wants us to comprehend it, He wants us to take possession of it, and He wants us to show it off to the world.

Next week, the class is:

- Daily Worship (*Mark 1:35*)
 - *How do I read the bible intentionally?*
 - *What tools are there to help me understand the bible?*
 - *How do I pray?*

Don't miss it!!!!