



# **'THE JESUS APPRENTICESHIP'**

## 2023

### **Session 1:**

How can we love the church?

### **Questions:**

1. What stands out to you from the video? What challenges you or gets you thinking?
2. **"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."** (John 13:34-35)
  - In this verse Jesus gives us a command not a request. Why do you think Jesus was so forceful on this point of loving each other?
3. Who do you find it easy to love in the church? And who is it harder to love? (I'm not asking for names here – just what type of people)
4. How often do you think people should attend church services or life group each month?
  - What are the things that stop people coming most?

- What does it mean to come to something when we don't **feel** like it and should we?
5. **And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, do not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.** (Hebrews 10:24-25)
    - How can you put into practice this word “consider?”
  6. **Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.** (Hebrews 13:17)
    - Who do you regard as leaders in this verse?
    - In what areas is it easier or harder to submit to leaders?
  7. Praying together seems pretty central to the church in Acts.
    - What might we learn from them in our commitment to praying together as a church?
    - Is there an area for you personally that you feel God is leading you to commit to in the church's prayer life?
  8. **Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.** (1 Peter 4:10)
    - ‘Don't be a **consumer** but an **encourager**.’ This goes against the grain for our culture. Last year we identified our spiritual gifts from God. Which of them are you using well to encourage the church and which ones are a bit dormant?

9. Do you agree that there is no right way to worship God, just right attitudes to have?
  - a) Do you find there are ways we do things as a church that you hold too dear and may criticise other churches for doing differently? (Not using liturgy maybe or spending a certain duration in sung worship or looking for gifts of the Spirit in our worship?)
  
10. What does humility mean to you? What does it look like in practice?
  - a) Should we really put other's needs above our own? How do we even do this day in and day out? What does it look like?
  - b) What are you going to do differently?