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DEVOTION GUIDELINES

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TALK TOGETHER.

1. Why do you think Jesus said that loving others is the next most important command after loving God?
2. Do you think it is easy to follow God's command to love others? Why?
3. How can we best love the people around us? What can help motivate us to keep on loving people no matter what?

CONVICTION

I will love the people around me even those who are difficult to love. By God's grace, I will love them the same way God has loved me.

APPLICATION

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