SDG Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Love Made Visible

Walk in the Love

Read/Reflect

1. John's concern in I John 1:5 – 2:2 is to provide assurance of belonging to Jesus. He makes that a practical concern in 2:3-6. What connection does John make between knowing Jesus and loving others? How does this provide assurance of belonging to Jesus?

2. What does it mean to "walk in the light" in everyday relationships? Again, refer to previous verses in 1-5-2:2, as well as 2:9-11.

Explore

3. Why is it tempting to keep distance from people who are different, difficult, or outside our usual circles? Where have you seen this occur in your own life, or in the life of the church?

4. New Life Church's vision includes a statement about "meeting people where they are." How did Jesus model moving toward people rather than waiting for them to come to him? What stories in the gospels come to mind of when Jesus initiated contact – and often took a risk?

5. What is the difference between meeting people where they are and simply agreeing with everything they believe or do? How can we maintain the light of grace as well as truth in the midst of darkness?

6. Where might you become a stumbling block (see verse 2:10) for someone, whether unintentional or not:
   - ❑ My posture towards people unlike me
   - ❑ Quick judgments about others
   - ❑ Self-righteous attitudes about myself
   - ❑ Use of religious jargon that doesn't connect
   - ❑ Stereotypes and assumptions
   - ❑ Other: _____

7. Who is one person or place God may be inviting you to move toward this week?

Pray

- Pray for the compassion, patience, and courage to meet people where they are with the love of Jesus.
- Pray specifically for the people or places mentioned in Question 7, asking the Holy Spirit to soften hearts and remove an obstacles or fear.