RECKLESS

ONE LOVE – Love Your Enemy

GOAL OF SMALL GROUPS: Create the type of environment where every student is…
- KNOWN
- MET WHERE THEY ARE
- Invited to recklessly and courageously FOLLOW JESUS

IDEAS TO ENHANCE YOUR ONLINE GROUP EXPERIENCE:
- Have every group member WATCH the video teaching online before the group starts.
- Be GRACE-FILLED towards each other. This is uncharted territory for all of us, so be patient during this process.
- Give and receive FEEDBACK each week to find ways to improve the experience in the future.
- Lead the group towards AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY, GROWING IN FAITH, and LIVING ON MISSION.

BUILDING AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY

1. What has the last week been like for you and your family? What are some ways you have tried to find community with other people?

GROWING IN FAITH

Bible Verses: Matthew 5:43-48; Matthew 22:36-40; 1 John 4:7-21

Message Summary: Love your neighbor, because your neighbor might be your enemy.

1. Why do you think Jesus calls us to love our enemies instead of just exclusively our brothers and sisters in Christ, our friends, or our family/neighbors?

2. How is this call to love our enemies symbolic of how God acts towards us? To understand this further, read how we are described in Colossians 1:22-23.

3. In this week's video, Ryan and Pepper each explained situations where they had to choose to love people they felt disrespected by. What is one way you've demonstrated loving your enemy? In other words, can you think of a time where you were being mistreated or disrespected and you responded with love and kindness?

4. If we choose not to love people, even those who don't deserve it, what does John say about us in 1 John 4:8?

5. When we love those who are hardest to love, it is evidence that God's love is being perfected in us. What are your thoughts on that? Why is loving our enemies a much better option than seeking revenge towards them?

LIVING ON MISSION

1. What is one way you can LOVE someone this week through the uncertain season of COVID-19?