

# DISCUSSION GUIDE



Pastor Bryan James  
02/12/17 " - A New Command"

**WELCOME:** What's your favorite type of chocolate?

**WORSHIP:** [Worship Playlist](#)

**WORD:** READ John 13:31-38

*What was your greatest takeaway from the scripture/message?*

NEW COMMAND - Love has been exalted to an entirely different level.  
*What are the major differences between loving self/family before others, loving your neighbor as yourself, and loving others as Christ loved you?*

Since the entrance of sin into the human race, we naturally and instinctively love ourselves more than others. *In what ways is it natural for us to love ourselves more than others?*

As a body of believers we are called to love and stick close to each other in a deep way just as Christ loved and gave himself up for us. *In what way can we apply this new command to our brothers and sister in our own church family, dGroup?*

Pastor Bryan declared that the "the cross has purchased for us the power to love others as Christ has loved us." *How did the cross purchase for us that power to love others supernaturally? What does that mean for us on this side of eternity?*

"Will you really lay down your life for me?" *Describe a time in your life where you were completely and utterly humbled, realizing that you can't do it apart from Christ.*

**WITNESS:** THE INVISIBLE BOY - PBJ told of his experience in Africa and said, "If this boy's life doesn't matter then my life doesn't matter. Therefore, I'm going to live my life as if it doesn't matter and radically surrender, be more abandoned to God." The significance of Christ's new command is that we are not able to love others as He loves us with our own capacity and strength. The Cross purchased the capacity and power we need to love others. *How is the Holy Spirit leading you to love others, maybe a specific person, as Jesus would this week?*