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First-century Israel expected a king who would overthrow Rome. Jesus offered a kingdom far bigger—and he had to redefine “Messiah” before they could see it.

Discussion Questions:

1. What’s your initial response to the notion of Jesus’s single, new-covenant command replacing the ten commandments?
2. If you are to express love for others the way Jesus expressed his love for you, what does that look like? What does that require?
3. Read **John 13:34–35** aloud.

“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.”

What do you think Jesus meant by making his own love the standard—not the Law, not tradition, not personal preference?

4. Does Jesus’s new-covenant command strike you as too simple? Incomplete? Impractical? Something else?
5. When you think about the people you interact with most, where do you see a gap between the way you typically respond and the way Jesus responded to people?
6. What’s one specific situation this week where you can replace “What do I want?” with “What does love require of me?” What would acting on that look like?