

“Love Does Behaviors”
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“The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.”
Luke 6:40

What behaviors indicate we are living like Jesus?

1. Reach out first – be an inviter

- Initiative – **action** rooted in one’s own **conviction**

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Gen. 1:1

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made...The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen His glory...” John 1:1-3, 14

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last...” John 15:16

2. Express joy – LIFERS are not complainers

- Joy – **gladness** determined by the **reality of Christ** rather than circumstance.

“But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.” Luke 2:10

“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.” John 17:13

“Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith...” Phil 1:25

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” Phil. 4:4

3. Serve others – “Is there anything I can do for you?”

- Serve – to **work** for someone else

“Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.” Mark 9:35

“Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mt. 20:28

*“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to **serve others**, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.” 1 Pet. 4:10*

4. Be an encourager – Use Words

- Encourage – to give someone courage, to **make strong**

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other...” Rom. 15:5

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” 1 Thess. 5:11

“But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.” Heb. 3:13

“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” Eph. 5:1-2

Discussion starters for your Groups InCommon

1. What personal experience have you had with the power of one or more of these 4 behaviors?
2. How would these behaviors apply to your marriage, work place or neighborhood?
3. What was your first experience at ALAG like? How can you make other's first experience amazing?