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October 8, 2006

## ...By Our Love

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13: 34-35. Great words from the giver of love. Jesus spoke these words in the last days of His life before being crucified. He had just washed His disciples' feet and showed them that leadership and love was shown by servanthood. I've always been convinced that this love Jesus commands us to have for each other is the most attractive thing a non believer could see in a group of Christians. There are a lot of things that people can get hung up on when it comes to Christianity. Sometimes people think it's all about rules, sometimes the Bible seems confusing, sometimes they are just thinking they couldn't be forgiven. But the thing that will attract people to the Gospel

will be the love they see among Jesus' followers. The thing that they see that is different about us will be the love that we show toward each other. In this world where there is hate all around, there is prejudice in every corner, and where selfishness reigns in people's lives, the love of God displayed in us is like a beacon of hope. This light shows a possibility of something different, something better, something beautiful. Sounds cool, right. Well, we do have a little work to do before we can be this light of love. It's a simple principle that you have to die to yourself, in order to live. Jesus modeled this by humbling Himself and taking the form of a servant to show His disciples love. In what ways will we have to die to ourselves to show love? Ask God to show you throughout the day, and it will become obvious. And it will be obviously worth it!

### Meeting Schedule:

Sunday October 8	4:45
Sunday October 15	4:45
Sunday October 21	4:45
Sunday October 28	4:45
Sunday November 5	N.O.W. 6:00-7:15

### WHAT'S NEXT...

- Reach N.O.W. (Night Of Worship)  
November 5, 6 - 7:15 pm

\*Bring canned goods for Mission Greenspoint Thanksgiving baskets\*



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