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Part 3: Authentically Connect
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Main Points

- Religion often values the right beliefs over valuing the people right in front of us.
- Religion forces us to hide our true selves in order to find acceptance.
- Jesus made a way for us to authentically connect with others while being our authentic selves.
- Following Jesus requires following one command: love.
- Jesus loved others by submitting his life for the good of others.
- We love others by using our life to make the lives of others better.
- Loving like Jesus is both the point and the proof of following Jesus.
- Confidently trusting Jesus frees us to authentically connect with others.
- The motivation behind a Jesus Follower's life is the love of Jesus.
- It's difficult to authentically connect with one another if we don't know one another.
- Because we are accepted and loved by Jesus, we can accept and love others.

"Show Notes" Resources & Links:

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Gatherings On Site: October 10 & 24
4:30pm. Potluck + Music + Communion
<https://www.yourcrosscreek.com/gathering>

Suggested Bible Readings:
John 13:12-17, Ephesians 4:31-32

Music we listened to making this episode:
Blue Swede- [Hooked on a Feeling](#)
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Message Passage

"Dear children, I will be with you only a little longer. And as I told the Jewish leaders, you will search for me, but you can't come where I am going. So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

Jesus, in John 13:33-35

This Week's Challenge:

STEPS TO GROW:

Read John 13:12-17

Ask THE Question: What does love look like?

Evaluate yourself: *Do I prioritize loving others just as Jesus loves me?*

Connect with others (Group or Alliance)

Discussion Questions

1. How is God working in your life & world this week?
2. Read John 13:12-17. What stands out to you about Jesus' "authentic connection" to His followers here?
3. Share your 0-10 evaluation of prioritizing loving others as Jesus loves you in one or more of your relationships.
4. What is your next step in "authentically connecting" with others or loving others like Jesus loves you this week? How can your group pray for you?

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