

This week we will be looking at the first mark of being a Methodist
The First Mark: A Methodist Loves Others

Monday May 29th

John Wesley believed and taught that purity of intention was the great foundation for love. He writes, “Your one intention at all times and in all things is, not to please yourself, but him whom your soul loves.” *Read Luke 11:34 and 1 Samuel 3:9.* What could putting God first in your life, as your first love, do to every other part of your life? Write down your thoughts in your journal.

Tuesday May 30th

Read 1 John 4:20 and Matthew 22:37-39. Think about loving God and loving others and write down your insights and reflections in your journal.

Wednesday May 31st

Read or sing the Charles Wesley hymn, “A Charge to Keep I Have.” The link to the lyrics went out in Monday’s AgapeNet. Jot down your thoughts and reflections.

Thursday June 1st

Read John Wesley’s sermon, “On Love,” found in your Monday AgapeNet email. Think about his words and jot down your thoughts and reflections and questions.

Friday June 2nd

Look for a practical way today to serve someone else using the lessons you have learned so far about loving others. Write what you did and your reflections in your journal.

Saturday June 3rd

In the early days of Methodism, John Wesley instructed each small group to answer certain questions aloud in the presence of others in the group, for the purpose of shared accountability and support. The following are two of the questions they asked each other. Answer the questions and reflect on your answers in your journal. *Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward, or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it? When did I last speak to someone else about my faith?*

Look at the prayer list. Who can you pray for? Who needs a little extra help in an area where you can make a difference?

Healing Strength: Jeanie Sweet (friend of Birdwell’s), Troop 104 Scouts and Adults going to the Grand Canyon, Gene Krebs (Eric’s father), Rex Townsend, Stan Ensch, Chris Osborn (Ken and Sandy Grubb’s daughter), Janet Coons (Donna McCullough’s daughter)

Sympathies: Family of Judi Flint (Joan Jacob’s home)

Homebound Members: Mary Hicks, Mary Schmidt, Jeanne Carman, Ginny Compton, Clara Ford, Caroline Loos

Military Personnel: Adam Walters, Joseph Roberts, Lucas Lamkin, Adam Clark

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS & REFLECTIONS