

# **INTRODUCTION**

Jesus didn't come to initiate Judaism 2.0. He came to offer something entirely new to the world: a new covenant that would forever change humankind's relationship with God. And with that new covenant came a new ethic—one that insisted that the greatest choose the back of the line.

#### **NINETY EXTRA**

Did you check out this week's audio journey? If so, here are some icebreakers related to what you heard:

- 1. Do you believe in miracles? Have you ever witnessed one?
- 2. Are you going to use the study guide at 90.today/content/luke to read through the book of Luke?

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# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Has a leader in your life—a parent, teacher, coach, or boss—ever put your needs ahead of their own? If so, what impression did that leader leave on you?
- 2. Read Matthew 22:34–40. Jesus presented a radical change in how the faithful should understand their relationship with God and one another. Faith is expressed in your vertical relationship with God and your horizontal relationships with people. If you took it to heart, how would taking Jesus' new command change the way you view your faith?
- 3. During the message, Andy said, "Love for God is best illustrated, demonstrated, and authenticated by love for others." What would it look like if we truly loved one another the way Jesus has loved us?
- 4. Read John 12:34-35. The new covenant has one command: "As I have loved you, so you must love one another." How does this new command make following Jesus less complicated but more demanding than obeying the old covenant?
- 5. In the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), Jesus redefined "neighbor" to include everyone we come into contact with. We all know people who are difficult to love. What does love require of you as you interact with that person?
- 6. Read Ephesians 5:1-2. What is one thing you can do this week to live out Jesus' new command by extending the kind of grace to the people around you that Jesus extended to you? If you followed through, how do you think it might change the dynamic in your family, at work, in your friendships, and even in your relationship with God?

### MOVING FORWARD

Against all odds, a cult following a crucified teacher with no territory, military, or authority survived and multiplied. They were fueled by Jesus' new command: "As I have loved you, so you must love one another." It sounds as countercultural and revolutionary to our ears as it did to Jesus' disciples when they first heard it. It's way less complicated than the old covenant, but way more challenging.

# **WEEKLY READING**

Spend some time this week reading and reflecting on Matthew 22:15-16, 24-25, 33-40; John 13: 34-35; and Ephesians 5:1-2.