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WELCOME:
Fixing
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Suggested Icebreaker:
Many of us are influenced by our parents. Ask your GG members to share what are some ways that they, consciously or unconsciously, imitate their parents?

WORSHIP:
Adoring
Our God

Suggested songs:

- [How Deep the Father's Love for Us](#)
- [Good Good Father](#)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will extend grace and mercy to the undeserving because they have received the same from God.
2. GG members will prove themselves to be God’s children by loving their enemies, just as God loves sinners.

INTRODUCTION

Jesus continued his teaching on loving others. He highlighted that his followers’ love for others is different from the way the rest of the world loves others. This is only possible because of the indwelling Holy Spirit in their lives (Galatians 5:22-23). By imitating God’s love for others, Christ’s followers manifest their being God’s children.

Jesus desires that his followers love differently than the rest of the world (vv. 32-34)

In the previous verse, Jesus commanded his disciples to do unto others what they wanted to be done to them. This may be misunderstood as reciprocating the love they received from others. So, Jesus clarified his instruction further.

1. What did Jesus say about those who love people who love them back (cf. Matthew 5:46)? How would you describe such behavior as opposed to the kind of love Jesus was teaching?
2. According to verse 33, how is love normally expressed? What does this tell us about the nature of love compared to how the world defines love today?
3. What is the common expectation when a person lends money to others? What usually happens when this expectation is not fulfilled?
4. Who are those being referred to as “sinners” by Jesus? How are his followers to be different from them, and why should they be different?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Application

Christ expects his followers to love others the same way he does. What are some ways you have received God's grace and mercy in the past few weeks? Think of a few people who would normally be considered unworthy of grace and mercy. How can you extend God's grace and mercy to them in the coming weeks?

Jesus' followers should love the same way their Father does (vv. 35-36)

Jesus reiterated his instruction to his followers to imitate their heavenly Father by loving their enemies. In doing so, they prove to be the children of their heavenly Father, and they will receive a great reward from Him.

1. What should Christ's followers expect from their enemies whom they love? Why do you think Jesus taught them to have this kind of expectation?
2. What reward can Christ's followers expect to receive in obeying his commands? From whom will these rewards come from, and when can they expect to receive them?
3. When Christ's followers love the same way God does, what do they prove about themselves? How does this reflect what God expects of his children? (cf. Leviticus 19:2; Matthew 5:48; 1 John 4:10)

Application

God expects his children to imitate him. They are to be holy and perfect, just as he is holy and perfect. How can you imitate God in your interactions with others at home, school, work, and church?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

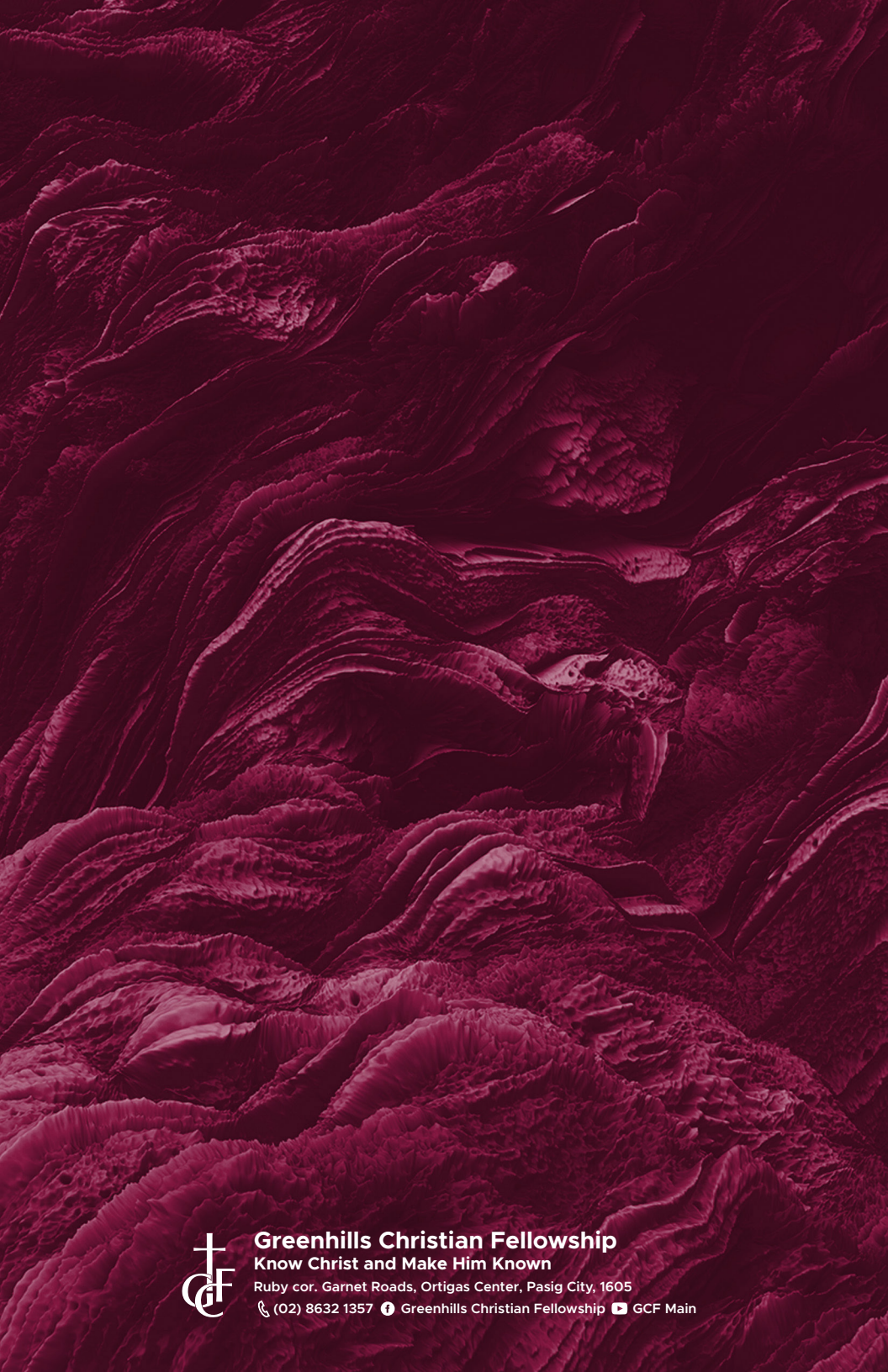
PRAYER ITEM

Father, I praise You, for You are the perfect example of love. It is Your nature to love, and You love perfectly and completely. Thank You for loving me, even though I am totally undeserving of it. You even gave up Your own Son so that I might be adopted into Your family. Teach me, O Lord, to love the same way You do so that I may reflect You in my life and others may get to know You personally as I do. Use my life to glorify Your name. In Christ's name, I pray. Amen. ■



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