

Peace for the Journey ... May 19, 2010

Scripture Reading: [John 13:1-17, 33-38](#)

"Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor." Romans 12:10

Imagine this scenario: a documentary video crew follows you around for 24 hours. You have given this crew access to everything you do and say for an entire day. Nothing is off limits and you are leading a normal life. Assuming this 24 hour period does not include a Sunday (morning), would someone watching the video know you are a Christian? Would anybody be able to tell that you are a follower of Jesus?

What if the video crew only recorded your public life: at work, at the store, or at the park. Would your actions give away your relationship with Jesus? Or, put another way, does your relationship with Jesus cause you to act any differently than someone who does not follow Jesus.

For extra credit, imagine that this is a silent video. If you can't tell anyone what you believe, would they still identify you as a disciple of Jesus. Do you love the way Jesus teaches you to love? Do you serve as Jesus teaches you to serve. Do you treat others the way you want to be treated, or do you treat others the way they treat you? There's a big difference.

Many passages describe uniquely Jesus-like behavior. Christians are supposed to look, sound, and act differently from those who do not know or follow Jesus. Do you?

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35