



COKESBURY
STUDENTS

NEXT>STEP

CONFIRMATION

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The United Methodist Church

³⁴ So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. **John 13:34-35 (NLT)**

Mission Statement of the United Methodist Church – **Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.**

FOLLOW ALONG

1. The Holy Club was also called _____, The _____, and _____.
2. John Wesley said, "I went to America to convert the _____ but O who will _____ me?"
3. "The _____ is my _____."
4. The United Methodist Church is part of the "_____ - _____ Church" – the _____ of _____.

THREE SIMPLE RULES

1. Do no _____.
2. Do _____.
3. Stay in _____ with _____.

MARKS OF BEING THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Love _____ – Personal Piety

Love _____ – Social Holiness

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from then he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. On a scale of 1-10, how familiar were you with John Wesley before today? *(It's totally OK to be at a 1.)*
2. John Wesley famously wrote his Three Simple Rules. Do you think these rules are enough for faithful living? Why or why not?
3. Read John 13:34-35 again. What words or phrases stand out to you in this passage? Do you think the church is following what Jesus commands?
4. Loving God and loving our neighbor are marks of being a member of the United Methodist Church. Do you think those two acts of love are separate from one another or are they working together?
5. When we love God first, it's usually way easier to love our neighbor. What's one way you show love to a neighbor?
6. Go back to The Apostle's Creed and **circle** any words/phrases you have questions about. After asking those questions, put a **box** around any words/phrases you agree with. Share those boxed words/phrases as a group.



Take a few moments for personal reflection and write down your thoughts here. Maybe you're left with a question, really liked a new fact or idea, or want to pray about something. Whatever you want, this space is yours. Use it!

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