

# We Will Believe

## He Leads With Love (Week 3)

### LifeNotes

## TALK IT OVER

### Main Idea

We will believe Jesus and lead with love.

### Key Scriptures

*When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?"* Luke 22:49

*And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.* Luke 22:50

*But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.* Luke 22:51

*Do not repay anyone evil for evil ... On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.* Romans 12:17, 20-21

**Leading with love is the Gospel in action.**

### Best ways not to lead with love:

- Make your circumstances your only filter.
- Assume you see all things clearly.
- Don't wait for an answer from Jesus.

### Start talking.

- Describe a time when you completely screwed up and someone would have been justified in coming against you.
- Why didn't they attack you?
- How did their response impact you?

### Start thinking.

- Read Luke 22:49. Why would the disciples have been "justified" in striking out at the guards?
- Read Luke 22:50. Why didn't Peter wait for an answer from Jesus?
- Read Luke 22:51. Was Jesus responding to the disciples or the guards? Explain.
- Why did Jesus heal the man (Malchus)?

### Start sharing.

- Joel made the statement, "Leading with love is fine unless we feel justified to do otherwise." How have you seen that demonstrated in others and yourself?
- Read the "Best ways not to lead with love". How have you made those mistakes?
- What are other ways we can not lead with love?

### Start doing.

- Read Romans 12:17, 20-21. Describe one tangible way you can lead with love toward that person that stands opposed to you.

### Closing prayer.

Jesus, thank you for always loving us. Thank you that in spite of our mistakes and sin, you choose to always lead with love into our lives. Forgive us when we justify our negative responses to others. Forgive us when we assume we know everything and when we base our compassion toward others exclusively on our own circumstances. Give us the wisdom to slow down. To listen to you. And in all situations, to lead with love into the lives of others. Amen.