

DAY 3

Read Acts 2:44-47, NIV

Have you ever seen a marching band perform? What happens if the tuba player decides he's more important than the rest of the group? What happens if he suddenly plays his own tune or struts out of formation on the field, dancing like a crazy person? The whole performance is ruined. All those hours of practicing wouldn't matter at all if a player or two decided to put himself before the rest of his fellow players.

The people who were part of the early church, the FIRST Jesus followers, knew how to do this well. Instead of thinking of themselves first, they put the needs of others first. They shared what they had and cooperated so that they could accomplish a really BIG task— telling others about Jesus!

Cooperation means thinking about others. It means understanding that your role, while very important, isn't MORE important than anyone else's. God needs all of us, with our unique gifts and abilities, to help others know about Jesus. Working together can point others to Jesus.

DAY 4

Read John 13:35, NIV

Do you have a favorite team? When you watch that team on television, can you spot your fellow fans? Of course! They're the ones wearing your team colors, yelling all the team chants, and going crazy in the stands when your team scores.

As a follower of Jesus, you should be just as easy to spot as those fans in the stands. But not because you wear certain colors or yell certain cheers. The way people will know you're a part of "team Jesus" is by the way you love others. And cooperation is a BIG part of that. If you're one who always insists on your own way, that's not cooperation and it's certainly not loving. Pointing others to Jesus means loving others and choosing to work together.

John 13:35 Cheer

Take the words of today's verse and create your own rap or team cheer. You can rewrite the words of the verse to make it fit your rhyme; just make sure the message is the same.



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point people to Jesus.