CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH	VALUES: People Always
BIG IDEA	If Jesus loves them - we love them.
ICE BREAKER	Tell about a time when someone showed you unexpected kindness or acceptance when you felt like an outsider. How did it make you feel?
MAIN POINTS	 We All Build Fences Agape (unconditional) Love Is the Jesus Standard You Can't Love God Without Loving People Loving People Always means: We treat everyone with the dignity God created them with We build bridges, not walls We love people whose sin is different from ours We ALWAYS share truth with grace
DISCUSS	 Shan mentioned that tribalism is everywhere—in politics, sports, culture, and even church. Where do you see yourself most tempted to create an "us vs. them" mentality? Read 1 John 4:7-12. Why do you think John connects knowing God so directly with loving others? What does this say about the nature of God? Agape love is described as "selfless, unconditional, and sacrificial." Who in your life has modeled this kind of love for you? How did it impact you? 1 John 4:18 says "perfect love drives out fear." What are some fears that keep you from loving people who are different from you or hard to love? Shane shared four principles for loving people always. Which of these four practices is hardest for you? Which is easiest? Why?
NEXT STEP	Moving the fence requires action. What is one practical step you can take this week to love someone who is different from you or hard to love? ie. Initiate a conversation with someone you've been avoiding or labeling or Pray daily for someone you disagree with, asking God to help you see them as He does.
SCRIPTURE	1 John 4:7-12 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.
NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEAK	Join us next week and invite a friend as we continue the series on Values!

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