

## St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

*EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2026! Leading to Worship Sunday May 10, 2026*

### Reading: John 14:15-21

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! This week, we try to discover what it means to love Jesus and keep his commandments. Click here: [Week 19 Video](#) Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

### Three Points

- In John 14:15–21, Jesus continues speaking to his disciples during the “farewell discourse.” He begins with a striking statement: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” (John 14:15) Jesus is not threatening them; he is describing what love looks like in action — a relationship that shapes how we live.
- Jesus promises the disciples “another Advocate,” the Holy Spirit, who will be with them and in them. Even though Jesus is preparing to leave, he assures them, “I will not leave you orphaned.” (John 14:18) Obedience is not something they must do alone; it is supported, guided, and empowered by God's own Spirit.
- Jesus connects obedience to relationship: “Those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” (John 14:21) As Luther taught, love for God grows from trust in God's promise. Keeping Jesus' commandments flows from being held in that love, not from trying to earn it.

### Two Questions

- Why do you think Jesus links love and obedience in this moment? Can you think of a time when loving someone naturally changed the way you acted, even without being told what to do?
- How does it shape your understanding of keeping Jesus' commandments to know that the Holy Spirit is given to help, guide, and strengthen you — that obedience is something God supports rather than something you must accomplish on your own?

### Action Step

- Practice love in action. Choose one small way this week to keep one of Jesus' commandments — forgiving, serving, encouraging, or helping — not to earn anything from God, but as a response to the love Jesus has already shown you.

*Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?*

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!