



12TH MAN MINISTRIES

Character Coaches Teaching Guide

Title: N.K.L. (Part 3- LOVED)

*Big Idea: Everyone has the same basic needs... to be NOTICED, KNOWN and **LOVED**.*

Question: What are 3 things you *LOVE*? (Baseball, Red Sox, Ice cream, spring, etc.)

The things we love are the things we invest ourselves into.

We give our time, our attention, our adoration and our lives to the things we love.

The Bible teaches that God has things that He loves... but only one of his creations was worth sacrificing His life.... US!

God loved us first:

John 4:19 says that we are capable of love "because He first loved us."

Question: How do we know that God loves us?

Romans 5:8 – "God shows his love for us like this... while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Jesus sacrificed himself for us to *prove* His faithfulness and *LOVE* for us.

Despite the things that we had done... WHILE we were still doing bad things.

God didn't wait until we were perfect. We didn't have to act right or live right to earn His love. His love was freely given and demonstrated by the work of Jesus on the cross.

John 3:16 – "For God SO LOVED the world that he gave his only son Jesus, and whoever believes in him will have eternal life."

(Read the verse again and substitute your own name in the place of "the world.")

Practical Application: Somewhere on your baseball equipment (batting gloves, helmet, etc.) write "NKL" to remind yourself that you are NOTICED, KNOWN and LOVED by God.

God notices the external things about us.

God knows the INTERNAL things about us.

*God's **LOVE** for us is eternal!*

Prayer: God, thank you for NOTICING me, KNOWING me and LOVING me. Thank you for Jesus. Let me live my life for you. I know you have a plan and I have a purpose. Amen!

