**Preparing a Talk example**

Passage: John 13.34-35

**Big idea:** ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­Jesus calls us to love each other as he loves us

What’s the kindest thing anyone has ever done for you? A small group of girls at church once offered to babysit for my wife and I when our children were really young. They bought us Bond cinema tickets and popcorn. What would the world be like if we all loved each other like they loved us that night?

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Have a look at verse 34, “As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

How has Jesus loved them? He’s just washed their feet and he’s about to die for them. And Jesus says, ‘Love each other like I have loved you.’

Like Catniss Everdeen in The Hunger Games who offers to compete herself in the place of her sister, Primrose, we’re called to love each other sacrificially.

What could it look like this week, for Peter Symonds CU to love each other as Jesus has loved you? Being generous. Going out of your way to spend time with people. What could you do?

People will know we are Christians, by the relationships we have with each other in this room – loving each other as Jesus has loved us. Look around. Here’s the proof we’re Christians – when we love each other.

1. Introduction (write me last!) – THIS HELPS GRAB ATTENTION. Hey! You! Watch! Do!
2. State the point – THIS HELPS PEOPLE REMEMBER
3. Show me where you found this in the passage – THIS HELPS ASSURE YOU TEACH WHAT THE BIBLE ACTUALLY SAYS!
4. Explain the point – THIS HELPS GIVE UNDERSTANDING

What does this point mean? What are the difficult words or concepts to understand here? How does the context help? What did this mean to the first readers? What does it mean to us today? Do I need to cross-reference to somewhere else?

1. Illustrate the point – THIS GIVES INTEREST & KEEPS ATTENTION

Is it like a song in the charts? Something you read? Something you saw happen at school/college? An advert you saw in a magazine? Something that happened to you? It may be an illustration you made up. Don’t neglect Bible illustrations.

1. Apply the point (be specific but not always in the same way) – THIS HELPS GIVE RELEVANCE
2. Conclusion – THIS DRAWS TOGETHER ALL OF THE ABOVE

Gather up your applications. Link them to central truth. End on an action.

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