

Key Scriptures:

Ephesians 3:17-19

Philippians 2:8

John 3:16

John 14:15

Matthew 22:37-40

1 John 3:16

Galatians 5:22-23

Romans 5:7-8

John 13:34-35

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*It would be interesting to get a first-hand account from one of the disciples of exactly what was going through his mind as he sat down at the table for what we now call "The Last Supper." How much did he understand what was going on? How much did he understand what was about to happen to Jesus? Did he realize this would be his briefing for **greater work**? Do we understand the importance of **our** gathering at the Lord's table? Do we understand what we are being called into? Do we understand the role love plays in all of this? This is what we will begin to discuss today.*

**JESUS DESCRIBES THREE PROGRESSIVE LEVELS OF LOVE:**

LEVEL 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Love for \_\_\_\_\_

**John 15:12 NIV**

*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.*



LEVEL 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Love for \_\_\_\_\_

**John 15:13 NIV**

*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

LEVEL 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Love for \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 5:8 NIV**

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

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**CHALLENGE:** *Take a day or two this week for each of the three levels of love we discussed this morning, and do the following: Read John 15 again and answer these questions: What is God speaking to **me** about what this looks like for the people in my life? What people do I know that fall into these categories? Where am I doing well? What am I struggling with? How can I pray to God for strength in this area? After answering these questions, **take some time to pray about it.***