

Message Based Questions 11/4/18

I Love My Church – Week 1

Icebreaker: What is your favorite restaurant and menu item to order? (Pastor Rick shared the corned beef quesadilla is really good at Destih!!)

Opening Thought: Church has never been about where we meet, or the programs we conduct. It's not even about preaching and music. It's about the people who gather together to glorify God and love each other and the world!

Passages John 13:34-35, Romans 8:28-29, Matthew 16:18

John 13:34-35

Who is Jesus speaking to in these verses?

What is significant about this new command?

What is the impact of having love for one another? Examples you have seen?

What do you think prevents people in the church from really loving each other?

What shows love to people? To you?

How did Jesus love us?

According to Romans 8:28-29 what is God's objective for us as his followers?

What does it mean to be made in his image --- especially when it comes to demonstrating love?

According to Matthew 16:18, is the church on the defense or the offense?

Why do churches often times get this wrong?

What affect will love and serving have on those outside the church by people who are followers of Christ?

Pastor Rick summarized that we will experience a love for the church when we intentionally love the church. This requires an investment of ourselves in order to love one another deeply. The four ways to love will be featured in this series: Connect, Serve, Give, Share.

As a result of our discussion, what is one area you desire to see growth or change? Make this a part of your prayer request for this week.