Love Is.

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LOVE is the most <u>IMPORTANT</u> commandment.

Mark 12

One of the teachers of religious law asked Jesus,
 "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"
 Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord.
 And you must <u>love</u> the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' ³¹ The second is equally important: <u>Love</u> your neighbor as yourself.
 No other commandment is greater than these."

LOVE was the <u>LAST</u> message of Jesus.

John 13 - Jesus at the Last Supper

³⁴ "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love one another. <u>Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.</u> Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

Q: Are you loving others like Jesus did?

Q: Do others see Jesus by the way you love?

What does it mean to Love Like Jesus?

1. Love is RISKY.

Luke 10 - The Good Samaritan

³⁰ Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling on a trip from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. ³¹ By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. ³² A Temple assistant (Levite) walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

You can't LOVE from a DISTANCE.

2. Love is MESSY.

³³ Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. ³⁴ Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.

You can't LOVE without getting <u>DIRTY</u>.

3. Love is COSTLY.

³⁵ The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, "Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay it the next time I'm here."

Love is willing to pay the <u>PRICE</u> no matter how much it COSTS.

4. Love is GODLY.

³⁶ "Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?"

Jesus asked. ³⁷ The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now *go and do* the same."

Love is an ACTION.

Table Group Questions.

Q: Why do you think it's difficult to show love?

Q: Who are your Samaritans? (The ones you struggle to love)

Q: What <u>excuses</u> do you make for not showing them love?

Q: What is one way you can "Love Like Jesus" this week?