



Series: Gospel of John	Date: Feb. 5th 2017
Topic: Love One Another	Speaker: Pastor Joe Ong

WELCOME

One of Jesus' final teachings to his disciples was that the world would know His followers by how they love one another.

For the ice breaker this week, share your answers to the following question: If you had to change your name, what name would you change it to?

WORSHIP

Start the worship time by encouraging people to share praises for what God has done in their life this past week. Sing worship songs from the Sunday services or select your own.

WORD

I. Spiritual Objective. At the end of the discussion, members will:

- A. Discuss how the way we love one another is a reflection of who Jesus is.
- B. Talk about how this passage should challenge us to love one another in a way that reflects how Christ loved us.

II. The Sermon Synopsis:

After washing the feet of His disciples, Jesus again talks to His disciples and gives them a new command: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." While this is a simple sounding command, it is one of the most challenging things to do practically. The love that Jesus displayed for us was **selfless, steadfast, serving, and sanctifying**.

By demonstrating these traits of love, Jesus was demonstrating how we should love one another. This also includes those we might not agree with, those who are against us, and those who have hurt us. We are called to serve one another, to serve those who we might not know, and to serve our enemies. This is the challenge laid before all Christians; to love with a love that is so radical that the world will know who we are because of how we love.

The Text:

31 When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. 33 "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. 34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

(John 13:31-35)

Discussion Questions

III. Verse 35 says that everyone will know we are disciples of Christ by our love. *What does our interaction with other Christians say about ourselves? How about our interaction with non-Christians? With our own family? Why do we sometimes treat our families worse than we treat others at work or in the church?*

IV. Verse 34 explains the type of love we are to display; the same type of love that Jesus demonstrated for us. *What did Jesus do to demonstrate love? Practically, how can we demonstrate a Christ-like love in our life now? What are the challenges to demonstrating this kind of love?*

V. Pastor Joe made the statement that loving God and loving others requires humility. Humility, or humbleness is a word often thrown around as to how Christians should live. *What exactly does it mean to live with humility? Does how you live your life reflect a humble attitude?*

VI. Jesus also displayed a steadfast love for His disciples. Even knowing He was going to be betrayed, abandoned, and killed, Jesus still washed the feet of all of His disciples, including Judas. *What does this say about our call to love everyone? How can we practically love those who have wronged us or don't like us?*



VII. Pastor Joe reminded us about the acronym NATO, which stands for No Action, Talk Only. Too often we, as Christians, talk about love more than we demonstrate love. *How do we move from talking about love to demonstrating love? What are some changes in your life that you could make so that you aren't only talking about your faith but are acting on your faith?*

WORK

- **Pray** and thank God for the love that He has for us daily. For the way He remains steadfast and selfless in His love. Ask God for the power and the courage to love others in the way He has shown His love for us. Ask for opportunities this week to bless others, and serve others in new and challenging ways.

- **Pray for Our Building Expansion Project (BEP). Let's pray for P.A.G.E. that Owen shared during PUSH (with some modifications):**
 - ❖ **Permits.** 1) Continue praying for our re-application to the Bldg. Dept. for the modification to our (CUP) Conditional Use Permit to be approved w/out further complications. 2) Also pray that the requested documents for our grading permit application will be submitted this week so the permit will be issued by the end of Feb. We want to begin the excavation & grading of our grounds sometime in March. 3) Finally, pray that we will be ready to apply for our building construction permit by Feb. 28.
 - ❖ **Architect.** Continue praying that our architect will work with our contractor in a true design-assist partnership. We have now received the detailed construction drawings to review. Pray that the BEP committee will be able to meet soon to thoroughly review and make any necessary changes if needed.
 - ❖ **Giving, Grants & Guaranteed Loan Commitment.** 1) Pray for the continued generous giving of our congregation toward

the 3-year pledge and additional gifts as God allows. 2) Pray that God will grant us favor with the foundations that we are asking for grants through our grant writer. 3) Pray that we will receive the loan commitment and interest rate lock that we are seeking as God provides.

- ❖ **Evaluation Meeting.** Pray for our BEP Committee and church elders as we continue to seek God's direction after our evaluation last week of where we are.

Announcements:

1. **Youth Alpha Series.** The Youth Alpha Series continues this Friday for the next 5 Friday Nights (2/10 - 3/10). Pray for their Alpha Weekend Away on Feb. 17-18.
2. **Car Wash and Workday.** Sat, 2/11, 9:00am to 12:30pm. Come and help wash the cars of the seniors in our community and help maintain our church building and grounds.
3. **Newcomer's Luncheon.** Sun, 2/12 at 12:00pm. Fellowship lunch for newcomer's to introduce them to relevant ministries they may want to join and to connect with church families during our time together.
4. **Valentine's Day.** Tue, 2/14. Don't forget to share your love you're your special "Valentine" on this day.
5. **Seniors Meeting.** Thur, 2/16 at 9:00. Senior safety and memory care with a Chinese New Year potluck lunch to follow.
6. **President's Day Holiday.** Mon. 2/20. Enjoy this holiday by spending a special time with family and friends. Get together with your HOME Group for a picnic and invite friends and family you're trying to reach together.
7. **Annual Meeting of the Membership.** Sun, 2/26 at 7:00pm. We will elect our 2017 leaders, approve our 2017 budget and celebrate 2016.

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Scriptures: John 13: 31-38

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36 Simon Peter asked him, “Lord, where are you going?”
Jesus replied, “Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.”

37 Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.”

38 Then Jesus answered, “Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!

1. Selfless Love , v 4,5

4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. **5** After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

2. Steadfast Love, v1

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

3. Serving Love, v5

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4. Sanctifying Love, 6-11

6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

7 Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

8 “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.”

Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”

9 “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”

10 Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” **11** For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

Conclusion: