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Love One Another #1 of 9 - July 10, 2016

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 - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
 - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God's Word, the Bible?
 - Who have you had an opportunity to **Eat** with this week to build relationship?
 - Who has God led you to **Serve** this week?
 - In what ways have you been able to **Share** about Jesus this week?
2. What resonated with you from the message? What did you find helpful or challenging.
3. Read 1 John 3:11-24. What do you find interesting and compelling about this passage? How would embracing this teaching change our lives and our world? What does this tell us about God and what does it tell us about ourselves?
4. Changing our world starts with us and it requires a heart change. In what way do you need to receive the love of God today so that your heart is changed? What is God's promise in Ezekiel 36:25-27? How does this become a reality for us?
5. Read John 15:12-14. How is Jesus both the model and the source of love for us? How does this impact you?
6. How is God asking you to love sacrificially for the benefit of another? Think through one specific action step for each area as God leads you.
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 - Neighbourhood & Community:
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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Love One Another

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor

July 10, 2016

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One Another

The Love of Jesus at Work in His Church

1 John 3:11-24 ¹¹ This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. ¹² We must not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because Cain had been doing what was evil, and his brother had been doing what was righteous. ¹³ So don't be surprised, dear brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. ¹⁴ If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead. ¹⁵ Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them. ¹⁶ **We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.** ¹⁷ If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. ¹⁹ Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. ²⁰ Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if we don't feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence. ²² And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him. ²³ And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us. ²⁴ Those who obey God's commandments remain in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us.

*"We are saved by faith alone, but not a faith that is alone".
Martin Luther the Reformer*

Big Idea: Real love gives sacrificially for the benefit of another.

John 15:12-14 This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. ¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command.

How do we live this out today?

- **Receive the sacrificial love of Jesus for your benefit.**

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself." Leo Tolstoy.

- **Love sacrificially for the benefit of another.**