



REFLECT

1. How would you respond to someone who says, “I love Jesus but not other Christians.”

ENCOUNTER

“One another” is a repeated word throughout the New Testament. We are to serve one another, greet another, bear with one another, and more. And the most important, most repeated one another is this: “love one another.” It’s repeated at least sixteen times. Jesus said loving one another is the new commandment. Jesus said our love for one another can prove or disprove the genuineness of our faith (John 17:22-23)

This is how Paul described the importance of love. “If I speak human or angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so that I can move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give away all my possessions, and if I give over my body in order to boast but do not have love, I gain nothing” (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).

Read just some of the “love one another” passages and share observations about the nature and importance of love in community.

1 Peter 1:22-24

Hebrews 13:1

1 John 4:16

TRANSFORM

2. Love has been defined as both action and affection. Love involves the whole person. What is the result of affection without action? What is the result of claiming someone when you have affection and not action?
3. What about action without affection?
4. What sinful actions or desires did this week’s sermon expose in your heart?

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.*

~ Henry VanDyke ~