



Riverstone

Sermon Based Questions

Series- Vision Sunday: Marked by Love

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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 13:34-35

1. A distinctive mark of a Christian is love.

- The Son of Man was glorified and God was glorified in him.
- Glorified in his death?
- Jesus' departure was imminent.
- These are a part of the "Farewell Discourse."
- Whats' new about a command to love?
- The bigger question- Where are you going Lord?
- Peter as a picture- "As I have loved you."

The implications of the call to be marked by Love.

- We love because he first loved us.
- A Love modelled on Messiah.
- Show up and ask- How can I help?
- Being marked by love as taking responsibility for the growth of others.

Examining the texts.

1. Read John 13:31-32. What do you think the word glorified means here? Who is being glorified here?
2. Read John 13:33. What do you think that Jesus is referring to in this verse? Why does this add to the significance of this moment?
3. Read John 13:34-35. What do you think makes this command- “new?” Can you think of earlier commands in scripture that called people to “love one another?”
4. Read John 13:36. What do you think that Jesus was referring to here?
5. Read John 13:37. What was Jesus saying to Peter here and how did it play out? (Also read Matthew 5:43-48) What is distinctive about Christian love?

A. Meditation & application

6. What makes Christian love distinctive?
7. What about love do you find challenging?
8. How has Jesus loved you? List as many things as you can and describe the quality of his love?
9. Who are your enemies, and how do you think about them- how is Jesus calling you to think about them?
10. How can you love the people of the church? Who do you think needs to be included among the people of God and what is one thing you could do to enact that in the coming week?

Dear heavenly Father- we thank you for revealing your love for us in the person of you Son. Thank you for glorifying him in his death and we praise you for his love expressed for us. We pray that you might help us to love like him. In Jesus Name- Amen.