



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 21st May 2023

Series- Alongsiders Part 3

People of Love

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:16-18.

1. We are a people of love in our words and actions.

- Words & speech are not enough- love is action.
- We can love people through radical generosity.
- Jesus is our model of self- giving love.

2. We are a people of love in our encouragement & support.

- People of love- practice encouragement.
- People of love- practice “presence.”
- People of love encourage through words & practical action.

3. We are a people of love in our prayers and thanksgiving.

- People of love pray for all people.
- People of love pray for those in authority.

A. Examining the Texts:

1. Read 1 John 3:16-18. What does this passage reveal about who Jesus is? How is he a model for those who would seek to be a people of love?
2. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11-19. What practical ideas does this passage give about how the church can be a people who come alongside others in the mission of God by bring a people of love?
3. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-7. What does this passage have to say to us about being people of love? What according to this passage pleases the Lord and what does this passage say about the ministry and mission of Paul?

B. Meditation & application

4. What are some key ideas that stand out to you from these passages about what it means to be a people of love?
5. How would you define “being a person of love,” in your own life?
6. How could you be involved in the mission of God through loving action in the coming week?
7. Think about 2 people you can bless in the coming week at least one of which is someone who is someone who is not a Christian. This week love them through a kind action, a word of encouragement or

A Prayer: Heavenly Father, We pray for clarity on how we can love others well for Jesus sake. Help us to be open to show and demonstrate your love to those around us. Use us for your good purpose to bring glory to you Son- through loving neighbor, enemy and friend well for your sake. In Jesus Name- Amen.