

The Message Notes

Message: *New Love*

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Text: St. John 13:34-35

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John 13:34. A new commandment “I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. **35.** By this all people will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another. (ESV)

Talk:

Objective - to format our relationships to **imitate** Christ’s love for us in our love for one another.

1. A _____ love: **v34.** A new commandment “I give to you, that you **love** one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

- **Love - Agape** is by your **volition**. You **intentionally**, and **unconditionally**, set your **favor** on someone you have **chosen**. Agape is **love** not **to like**.
- **Commandment** - “to establish an order that gives God the desired result that pleases Him.”
- **Relationship** – the desired result God wants from our relationship is that we love one another just like Christ. That would please Him!

2. A _____ love: **v34.** A new commandment “I give to you, that you love one another: **just as I have loved you**, you also are to love one another.

- **Attitude of agape** is **other person** centered. Agape counts others more significant than yourself, and does not look at your own interests but also the interests of others, Philippians 2:3-4
- “The reason the culture does not take our belief in Christ seriously is because it does **not cost us anything**, I John 3:17, I Corinthians 13:7

3. A _____ shared love: **v35.** By this all people will know that you are **my disciples** if you have **love for one another**.

- We **belong to one another** in Christ, His Body, by which we **mutually share** Christ’s love with one another, Romans 12:4-5

- **One Another in Christ's Body:** Ephesians 4:31, Hebrews 10:35, James 5:16

"We want the **testimony** to be in our **fellowship** we know God **by our love for one another.**" | John 4:7

Formation of our Relationship:

1. **Head/Attitude** – Studying God's Word, Joshua 1:8

Studying God's Word does not mean you are hearing God's voice.

Cognitive dissonance – you have inconsistent thoughts, beliefs, or attitude to God's word as relating to a belief or behavioral change. You explain it away or reject the new information conflicting with your existing beliefs and behavior.

2. **Heart/Affection** – Desiring God, Psalms 42:1

"The **heart is the seat** that your **affections** sit upon, which **determines** the direction your life will take." Proverbs 4:23, Matthew 22:37, Jeremiah 29:13, Matthew 15:8, Romans 10:10

3. **Hand/Action** – You do what is in your **head** and **heart**. James 1:26

Application: Slide

- **Head/Attitude** – **John 13:34**. A **new commandment** "I give to you, that you **love one another: just as** I have loved you, you also are **to love one another.** (ESV)
- **Heart/Affection** – **Psalms 119:11**. I have **stored up** your **word in my heart**, that I might **not sin** against you. (ESV)
- **Hand/Action** – **John 15:13**. Greater love has no one than this, that someone **lay down his life** for his **friends.** (ESV)

Study Template:

1. What is the application (paraphrase) – Interpret Scriptures by putting them in words you can understand.

2. What does it teach you about God? His character, purpose, promises, plans, commands, etc.

3. What does it require from you to do? Will you put this word in your heart to obey it or keep it in your head? Are you experiencing cognitive dissonance? What kind of deprogramming do you need to do to connect with God to become closer?