
The Gospel Of John
"Love One Another"
John 13:34-35

11-23-25

Introduction: As we come to scripture this morning, we are focused on the last evening Jesus had with the disciples before He is arrested.

1. He is preparing them for what's about to happen as well as their future ministries.
2. With that in mind, He gives them a new commandment.
3. It really wasn't new; we can trace its origin back to Leviticus 19:18.
 - Both Matthew and Mark record Jesus emphasizing our responsibility to love our neighbor as ourselves.
 - It is new in the sense that Jesus brought a new understanding of what this means, and how important it is.
4. As we follow this command we become more and more like Jesus, and we give Him a tool to influence others.

I. The New Commandment: Love One Another

A. Understanding Love

B. Loving Like Jesus

II. Love: A Defining Characteristic

A. A Human Reality

B. A Powerful Distinction

Conclusion: Love is a very familiar concept in our world, so familiar we may need the same refresher course on love as the disciples needed.

1. Jesus wasn't satisfied with the kind of love we find in this world.
2. Instead, He called us to love as He loved.
3. Because His love was so radically different, as we follow Him in love we stand out as He did.
4. Love is not easy, but it is worth the effort, because love is powerful.