



Series: Dying To Self

Sermon: Part 1: Love One Another

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It is this “us versus them” attitude. Instead of taking time to get to know the other person, it is easier to make assumptions of people and put them in stereotypical categories when they hold certain views, without even talking with them or knowing who they are.

The culture divides, but Jesus came to _____.

Jesus knew that the solution to the division in the world would be His Church, meaning His followers, who would live and love in such a way that would influence and change a hostile and divided world.

Many like to receive God’s unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness for themselves, but yet they don’t like to extend God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness to others.

So He [Jesus] got up from the meal, took off His outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around His waist. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around Him. (John 13:4-5)

God had shown them that He did not come to be served but to _____.

His goal was to show them that they were being called into a greater mission and if they were going to unite people around God and ultimately change the world, then they needed to start serving and loving each other first.

When He had finished washing their feet, He put on His clothes and returned to His place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” He asked them. “You call Me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.” (John 13:12-15)

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35)

How we _____ others is really the evidence of how we really love God.

Would the people around you know that you are a disciple of Jesus by the way you are towards them?



The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

A covenant is an _____.

Scripture referenced in sermon message: Jeremiah 31:33-34

Every time we look at the Lord's table it is a reminder that because of God's love for us, we must now love those around us. And to not do that and still come to the table is to approach the table in an unworthy manner.

This last supper was so important because Jesus was telling His disciples, and us, that how we live and how we show love to others matters. If we can get this right as a church body first, then a watching world will see Jesus in us and they will find the hope and answers that they have been so desperately looking for.

Jesus comes and says I am creating a new table where _____ are welcome - all tribes, all nations, all peoples, all ethnicities, all abilities, all demographics - all one coming together around the One who saved them.

If we prioritize our _____ in Christ first, we'll naturally feel a stronger connection with a believer from a different culture than with someone from our own culture, demographic, or political party who doesn't have a relationship with Jesus.

Bottom Line: *"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35)*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. Do you keep people who are like you close and others far away or are you willing to do what Jesus did and love one another by serving others regardless of who they are?*
- 2. In what way do you need to die to yourself as you step outside of your comfort zone and put others before your agenda?*

Songs used in service: Holy Forever (Chris Tomlin), Behold The Lamb (Passion & Kristian Stanfill), So Will I [100 Billion X] (Benjamin William Hastings), Lord, I Need You (Matt Maher)

Any prayer requests?

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What can we be praying for you about?