



Going Deeper into

John 15:12-17 – “Love One Another”

1. **Jesus commands us to love one another, but the text reveals that the basis for this command is rooted in Jesus’ love for us.**

Think of the many ways that God expresses his love for us; write down as many ways as you can below:

Using the list above, write down some ways that you can express that love to others:

What examples do you have of other people showing you love in these ways?

Pray: Lord, you loved me before I ever loved you, and you show me your love and care in many ways. Help me to love others as you have loved me. Amen.

2. **The sermon illustrates that one character trait that we all possess, which gets in the way of obeying the command to love one another, is our own selfishness.**

What are some ways that you have noticed other people’s selfishness within the past few weeks?

What is an area or situation where you have demonstrated selfishness within the same time period?

Read John 13:3-15. The command to love one another is made after Jesus uncovered himself and washed his disciple's feet. What do you think it takes for someone who is God to stoop and wash the dirty feet of twelve men?

Pray: Heavenly Father, forgive me for thinking about myself more than others, and for allowing my selfishness to hurt the people around me. Help me to focus on you, and to give, sacrificially, to others.

3. As we close this series on "What Jesus said..." there is a noticeable pattern: God first redeems us to be His people, and then He gives us instructions on how we should live.

Read Romans 12:1. This passage begins a section where Paul details how Christians should live. What does Paul say is the basis for presenting our bodies as living sacrifices?

Scan the following list of sermons from this series with their descriptions in parenthesis. Circle the ones that you have gained a different perspective about since going through this series. Write out to the side what has changed in your perspective. (Each sermon is available online at www.eaglemountain.org if you need to listen to them again.)

Turn and Follow (repent) -

What it Means to Follow Him (take up your cross) -

Jesus' Instructions for Hard Situations (looking for restoration) -

Do Not Fear, God is Here (trust God) -

The Eternal Value of Temporal Wealth (make friends with your money) -

Dealing with Sin (universal need for forgiveness) -

Keep on Praying (persist in praying faithfully) -

Escaping Religious Arrogance (grow in humility, not pride) -

Love one another (love is the mark of a follower of Jesus) -

Pray: Heavenly Father, thank you for the commands of Jesus. Help us to focus on what he said, to teach them to one another, and to apply his teaching to our lives. Amen.