

# LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

## Love as You Have Been Loved

**Passages:** John 13:31-35

**Introduction:** The glory of Christ is revealed not in the world's picture of success: fame, ease, and pleasure; but in the supreme act of service: His death on the cross. On the cross, we see Jesus' glory displayed, we realize we are loved and we love one another in response. Love as you have been loved is the command Jesus gives individual believers and churches to carry out until He comes back.

**Additional passages:** Isaiah 42:1-9, 49:1-13, 50:4-11, 52:13-53:12; Little Children verses in 1 John (see question 4).

**Questions:**

1. The cross declares you are loved—it is there that God pours out the riches of His mercy and grace by making salvation available through His Son. What aspects of the gospel are you particularly grateful for right now?
2. Jesus makes it clear that true glory is found in glorifying God through self-sacrificial love. How is it going with displaying that kind of love in your life?
3. In John 13:31, Jesus alludes to Isaiah 49:3, identifying Himself as the servant Isaiah talks about in several places. Read Isaiah 42:1-9, 49:1-13, 50:4-11, 52:13-53:12. What are different characteristics in these passages that show up in Jesus' life? What implications does this have for our lives as Jesus' followers?
4. Jesus uses the phrase "little children" to describe His followers in John 13:33, marking the affection that God has for us as His adopted sons and daughters. The apostle John picks up that same language in 1 John in the following verses: 2:1, 2:12, 2:28, 3:7, 3:18, 4:4, 5:21. What do we learn from these verses about God's expectations for us? What does He remind us of concerning our identity in Christ?
5. Jesus' call to believers as those who have been given their lives back is to love one another. Here are a few ways you can do that as a part of Redeemer:
  - a. Serve in a ministry of the church: [link to learn more](#).
  - b. Build relationships through Life Groups and by exploring membership: [Consider Redeemer sign up](#)
  - c. Discipling others: Life Group Leader [application](#)
  - d. Forgiving others.

What did the Lord put on your heart as next steps in these areas?