

Sermon Discussion Guide January 19, 2025

Refresh

Read Ephesians 5:2 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

Discuss

In John 13, Jesus washes the feet of His disciples, an act of incredible humility. Why do you think Jesus chose this particular moment and act to demonstrate His love for His followers? What does this teach us about leadership and servanthood in the Kingdom of God?

Jesus washed Judas' feet despite knowing he would betray Him. What does this reveal about the nature of Christ's love? How can we live with this type of unconditional love in our relationships with others, even when it's difficult?

Ephesians 5:2 instructs believers to "walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us." What does it mean to love like Christ? What are some practical challenges in imitating Christ's sacrificial love in our daily lives?

In both John 13 and Ephesians 5, we see that love involves sacrifice. What is the connection between love and sacrifice as expressed in these passages? Can love truly exist without sacrifice? Why or why not?

Paul emphasizes that Christ loved us when we were unlovely (Ephesians 2:1-7). What does it mean for you personally to be the object of God's immeasurable love? How does this understanding change the way you view yourself and others?

Jesus states in John 13:35 that love for one another will mark His disciples. How can we see to it that love is the defining trait of our church? What are some specific ways you can live out this type of love within our church or your family?

In 1 John 3:18, John challenges believers to love not just in word but in deed and truth. In what relationships do you find it particularly hard to love in deed and not just in word? How can you grow in demonstrating your love with your actions and not merely your words?