



**1/11/26**  
**A Defining Moment**

John 13:31-34  
*Worship Center Bible p.875*  
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## **The cross reveals God and His glory (vv.31-32)**

Two aspects of God's glory:

- The glory of God is His honor or reputation
- The glory of God is a visible expression of His character

*"While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud."*

~Exodus 16:10 (NIV)

Jesus is taking both aspects of God's glory: "His honor or reputation" AND "a visible expression of who God is" and He is putting them together.

*"The supreme moment of divine disclosure, the greatest moment of displayed glory, was in the shame of the cross."*

~D.A. Carson

*"God will never seem distant when we are standing on the hill where His Son was sacrificed in our place. True, passionate worship springs from a heart that has been gripped by the grace of God displayed in the cross."*

~ Matt Carter

## **The cross transforms disciples to love one another (vv.33-34)**

*"They will know you are my disciples because you will live in a new community (the church) where you truly love one another."*

What does loving one another look like on a practical level?

- Giving people the benefit of the doubt
- Assume the best of people
- Remember you don't know the whole story
- Learn to not take yourself too seriously

*Christian love assumes the best about people. It refuses to jump to conclusions. It recognizes situations have multiple sides, many unknown. It does not rush to judgment. It is kind.*

*"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

~ John 13:35 (NIV)

<b>This Week @ Crossview</b>		
<b>Sun 1/11</b>	8:00am - Prayer Meeting ( <i>Prayer Room</i> )	
	Life Group sign ups	
<b>Wed 1/14</b>	Noon - Prayer Meeting ( <i>Prayer Room</i> )	<i>No Heroes Cafe until March</i>
	6:30-8:30pm - Apex ( <i>enter at the rear Apex door</i> )	
<b>Thu 1/15</b>	9:00-11:00am - Senior Fellowship	
<b>Sat 1/17</b>	9:00am - Women's I AM Video Series - <i>I AM the Resurrection and the Life</i>	
<b>Sun 1/18</b>	Life Groups start this week	

<b>Coming Soon</b>		
<b>Mon 1/19</b>	6:30-8:00pm - Crossview Young Adults	
<b>Tue 1/20</b>	9:30-11:00am - Crossview Moms	
<b>Sun 1/25</b>	11:45am - Guatemala Mission Trip Information Meeting	
<b>Sat 2/7</b>	8:00-1:00pm - Men's No Regrets Conference Simulcast @ Crossview	

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