



Sermon Discussion Guide
08.14.22 Message | Tyler Myers

Key Scriptures:

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

- 1 John 1:5–7 (ESV)

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

- 1 John 3:11 (ESV)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

- 1 John 4:7 (ESV)

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

- John 13:34–35 (ESV)

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you...These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

- John 15:12 & 17 (ESV)

Message Highlights:

- Scripture doesn't separate the oneness we can experience with God and the oneness that God hopes we will pursue with one another.
- Love for one another is how we know God and grow in God.
- Love is the eyes of humanity. Our eyesight is not naturally good in a fallen world.
- We need a new lens – the lens of the Gospel.
- Gospel love in Christ is the winning way in a losing world!



Conversation Starter:

Have you ever met someone who reminded you so much of somebody else, you just assumed they were related or had at least spent a lot of time together? Have you ever been told that you remind somebody of someone else?

Discuss the Message:

1. What are the similarities between a challenge, an encouragement and a command? What is different about a command? Why do you think Jesus *commands* us to love one another?
2. Read John 13:34–35. God has always wanted people to love one another. Yet, Jesus says that he is giving us a “new” command. What is new about it?
3. Think back on the conversation starter question: In what ways does our demonstrated love for our fellow believers point them and others to Christ?
4. When do you feel most loved by the fellow followers of Christ in your life?
5. How are you doing with loving your fellow believers in Christ? Who is one person you can intentionally and tangibly show the love of Christ to this week?

Pray:

Father in Heaven, we thank you for your love for us! We thank you for the love that you have given us through your Son Jesus, our victorious King. We desire to walk in the light as you walk in the light. We want to have a fellowship with one another that demonstrates your love for a lost and hurting world. We ask that through your Holy Spirit, you would help us love one another, just as Christ has loved us. Amen.