



Sermon Prep Guide

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Reading God's Word

1 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 3:16-18

Discussing God's Word

1. To gather context for our 1 John passage this week, what does John reiterate in 3:11?
2. How does John describe how we know love in verse 16?
3. Since Jesus laid down His life for us, what should we then do for others?
4. How is God's love demonstrated through us in verse 17?
5. How then should we love according to verse 18?

Applying God's Word

1. How can you be obedient to His Word by reflecting Christ's example to give your life for others?
(Read John 15:13).
2. The word "ought" in verse 16 implies a sense of duty. Does this alter the way you read this verse?
3. What are acts of kindness that you can exhibit, as a missional community, to use the resources/wealth/goods that you have been given in order to sustain life?
4. In verse 18 he basically tells them to do acts of kindness and not just talk about them. Do you find that is a common struggle for you? Why or why not? How can we hold ourselves accountable to talk less and serve more?

Praying The Word

- » We ask that You would grant us boldness and resolve to be obedient to Your Word – to be willing to follow the example of Christ in laying down our lives for others.
- » Help us to not simply talk about kindness or do random acts here and there, but to seek to meet the needs of others so that life is sustained and Your love is evident.
- » Holy Spirit, enable us to not love in word or talk only but also in deed and in truth. As James said, to be doers of the Word and not hearers only (James 1:22).