

# Love (9/8/24)

## Discussion Questions

Summary: Jesus has commanded us to love one another so that we may bear fruit and abide in Christ. This fruit is both internal and external. This Sunday we focused on the external: the fruit of ministry impact in the world. Be reminded how we have been loved by the fruit of Christ's ministry in our lives, and how we are called to produce fruit through our love for a world in need of Christ's love!

- One Central Command
  - We are commanded to **love** one another (v. 12, 14, 17)
    - Jesus' command serves a **purpose** (Exodus 19:5; Romans 5:19)
    - Jesus' command and our obedience serve as a **trellis** for our vine to produce abiding **fruit** (1 John 5:3)
- Two Applications
  - How have we been loved? (Christ's example of love)
    - Jesus loved us through his **sacrifice** (v. 13)
    - Jesus loved us through his **fellowship** (vv. 14-15)
    - Jesus loved us through his **commissioning** (v. 16)
  - How are we supposed to love?
    - Love in **sacrifice** (v. 13)
    - Love in **encouragement** (v. 15)
    - Love in **exhortation** (v. 16)

### Get Started:

1. What is your favorite love story – movie, book, etc.?
2. Who is the most loving person you know? Who taught you what love looks like?

### Dig In: Read John 15:12-17

3. What stands out to you in this passage?
4. How do the commands of Christ serve as a "trellis" for the fruit He wants us to grow?
5. What does it mean to be a "friend" of Jesus?
6. How has Jesus loved us? What does His love look like?
7. What kind of external fruit is Jesus looking for in His followers?

### Move Forward:

- Review the Spiritual Life Worksheet. How are you doing with your commitments?
- When it comes to walking with Jesus and working with Him, how has the Lord been leading you recently?
- Who is in your life that the Lord is calling you to love? What does that love look like right now?
- How can we pray for you as you seek to develop this fruit in your life?