

## **Love in Community - John 13:1-17; 1 John 4:7-12**

### **What is Love?**

God is love (1 John 4:8)

Trinitarian love (eg. John 17:24)

Agape: Self-sacrificial, for the good of the other

The Cross - (1 John 4:9,10; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 5:25)

**Love is: A determination to do what is good for the other at the cost to self**

### **We need to be Loved by Jesus**

Foot-washing a pointer to the greatest love (13:1, 15:13)

The cross is the necessary solution to our problem (13:8)

Costly substitution (3:16)

Determination not emotion (Mark 14:33-36)

### **We need to Love like Jesus**

A necessary response (John 13:34, 1 John 4:7, 11)

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Deeds not just words (1 John 3:16)

Obeying Jesus (John 15:10)

Being quick to listen and slow to speak (James 1:19)

Forgiving as Jesus forgave you (Colossians 3:13)

Sharing the message of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:14-15)

Meeting together (Hebrews 10:24,25)