



# Beyond Sunday

For groups, friends, families, couples, or individuals to reflect on the message you heard this Sunday.

**Focus:** During January and February, we are looking at the church and how they valued the art of one-anothering. Did you know the words “one another” are used 59 times in the New Testament? “Love one another.” “Forgive one another.” “Regard one another as more important than yourselves.” And the list goes on. **This week we** want to reflect on **Love One Another.**

1. Pizza and close friends. Sunsets and grandparents. Ponder and share an example of two different kinds of love you’ve experienced.
2. Meditate on this passage by reading it slowly three times: And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another (John 13:34). Where does our ability to love one another begin? What does this mean to you?
3. Agapē love doesn’t love based on worth, but gives worth through the act of loving one another. A love that doesn’t love based on beauty, but makes beauty through the act of loving one another. Do you agree? Where have you experienced this truth?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. Which attributes of agapē love do you struggle with the most? The key is not to try harder, but to be transformed through an encounter with Jesus Christ — letting Him in more and more so you can love like Him. His power, not yours. What would it look like to let Him in more to where you cannot love?
5. Read John 13:34. How has Jesus loved you?

### Call to Action

- a. Who is beyond loving in your life? Is it a person? Type of person? People? That is the normal limit to our best efforts at love. Ask God to forgive you for putting your limits before the freedom He offers. Say a prayer about trusting that He will be able to work a miracle in this area of your life.
- b. Agapē love begins with God’s love. Who needs to experience agapē love? Answer that question without the normal limits and boundaries we put on love. Who will hold you accountable to

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## Love One Another

“What’s love got to do with it? What’s love but a second hand emotion?” —Tina Turner

—or is it—

“All you need is love.” —The Beatles

The Gospel of John makes clear that the Christians’ love for one another derives from and is modeled on Jesus’ love for his followers. Jesus loves his followers by **making God known to them** (14:10-11), **giving them God’s word** (17:14), **embodying God’s love** (17:23), calling many and varied sheep into his fold (10:16), **calling his followers “friend,” not servant** (15:14-15), and **laying down his life for his friends** (10:17-18). All of these ways, not exclusively the last, model how the community of Jesus’ followers is to love one another.

—Women’s Bible Commentary

**Philia love is...**

**Agapē love is...**

**What is love?**

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.  
1 John 4:9-10

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”  
John 13:34-35

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.  
1 John 3:11

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”  
John 13:34

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.  
1 Peter 4:8

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.  
Romans 13:8

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.  
1 John 3:18

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.  
1 John 4:12-13

Do everything in love.  
1 Corinthians 16:14

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.  
Ephesians 4:2-3

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.  
1 Peter 3:8-9