

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 action?