



Love Is Always In Action

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Q—Are you loving well?

"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 (NIV)

...love is never stationary. Bob Goff, Love Does

Sermon in a Sentence: Real love is shown in action

⇒ **Love does what _____ doesn't.**

so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NIV)

⇒ **Love does what is _____.**

"love is the accurate estimate and the adequate supply of another person's need." - Alan Groff

⇒ **Love does for _____ what we wish we could do for all.**

Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. James 2:15–17 (NIV)

⇒ **Love does not care what is on other the side of the _____ sign.**

Q—As Jesus loves you, how will you love the ones you are with this week?

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (NIV)

ANSWER KEY: religion, needed, one, equal



Study & Discussion for Your Next Small Group

Theme: Love Proof

Share Together: Who was most inspirational to you growing up, who left such an impression on you they helped shape who you are today?

Look back together: What impacted you most from Sunday's message?

Read Together: John 13:31-38

Discuss Together:

- Why does Jesus wait to share these important things on his heart until after Judas leaves?
- What is Jesus' purpose in saying "the Son of Man is glorified", and what does it mean in relation to what would happen to him?
- What does Jesus mean by saying he would leave, and go where the disciples couldn't go?
- What is Peter's response? How would you relate with him, based on what Jesus told him and the rest of the disciples?
- Verses 34-35 seem like an interruption in this dialogue of what would happen next to Jesus, so why does Jesus state it at this moment? What does Jesus mean by "new command"? How would this be radically different from what the disciples had been taught growing up?
- How are we to love, according to Jesus?
- How does love prove we are true followers of Christ?
- What are some ways we can improve in loving one another, that those on outside would find so irresistible and want to be included?
- How you are struggling to love those who are tough to love, that you could use prayer for?

Pray Together: Take time to share the good things God is doing in your life, as well as prayer requests you have.