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Love One Another

John 13:31-35

I. The Glory of the Cross (vv. 31-32)

A. The _____ of Man is glorified in the cross (v. 31a)
[Jn. 12:23; Dan. 7:13-14; Col. 2:14; Eph. 2:5-6; Acts 1:8-9]

B. God the _____ is glorified in the cross (v. 31b)
[Phil. 2:9-11; Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8]

C. The glory of the Father and the Son are seen in the
_____ (v. 32)
[Lk. 23:46; 1 Pet. 3:18, 22; Jn. 17:5]

II. The Glory of Discipleship (v. 33)

A. The use of affectionate _____
(1 Jn. 2:1, 12, 28; 3:7, 18; 4:4; 5:21)

B. The preparation for _____ truths
(Jn. 7:34; Eph. 4:15; Prov. 27:17)

C. The necessity of full _____ (Jn. 16:7; 1 Cor. 11:1)

III. The Glory of Love (vv. 34-35)

A. How is this commandment _____? (v. 34a)
[Lev. 19:18; Deut. 6:5; Matt. 22:37-39; Rom. 5:5; Eph. 5:2]

B. How are we to _____ one another? (v. 34b)
[Matt. 5:23-24; Lk. 17:3-4; Eph. 4:31-32]

C. How will people _____ that you are a disciple? (v. 35)
[1 Jn. 3:14; 1 Cor. 13:4-8]

TAKE HOME

• How does seeing the ***cross*** as a symbol of Jesus' perfect life, Jesus' punishing death, Jesus' powerful resurrection, and Jesus' perpetual exaltation change the way you live?

• Are you ***involved*** in discipleship as regular part of your life and Christian growth?

• Would those who know you best describe you as a ***loving*** person?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* These questions are designed to help you apply today's message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 13:31. What is Jesus referring to when He says, "Now is the Son of Man glorified"? Is it just the cross or something more? (Col. 2:14; Eph. 2:5-6; Acts 1:8-9)

2. Read Phil. 2:9-11; Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8. How is God the Father glorified in the cross? What attributes of God do we see on display?

3. Read John 13:32. What is this verse talking about? How does Lk. 23:46; 1 Pet. 3:18, 22; Jn. 17:5 help us understand this even better?

4. Read John 13:33. How is the glory of discipleship seen in this one verse? Which part of affectionate terminology, preparation for difficult truths, or trusting in your mentor (to a degree) did you think was most helpful for you to think through? Why?

5. Read John 13:34. Has this command ever been given before? (Lev. 19:18; Deut. 6:5; Matt. 22:37-39). Then what is new about this commandment? What is Jesus saying? (Rom. 5:5; Eph. 5:2)

6. Discuss what you thought about Francis Schaeffer's two practical ways of showing love—asking for forgiveness and granting forgiveness. On what basis could he make this argument? (Eph. 4:32-32)

7. Read John 13:35. How will the world recognize a disciple of Christ? IS there a dichotomy between truth and love? Why do you think some churches are stronger in one over the other? How can we be balanced?

8. Read the take home questions. Which one encouraged you or challenged you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you learned in this passage?

"Of all the commands of our Master there is none which is so much talked about and so little obeyed as this. Yet, if we mean anything when we profess to have charity and love toward all men, it ought to be seen in our tempers and our words, our bearing and our doing, our behavior at home and abroad, our conduct in every relation of life."

- J. C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*