

## ONE ANOTHER: LOVE

Use the following notes in your Growth Group or for further personal study of today's message. We hope these will enrich and deepen your walk as you study God's Word.

### GETTING STARTED:

1. How does the world define love? How is the love Christ showed different from the world's love?

### DIGGING DEEPER:

2. How important is it for us, as Christ-followers, to show love to those around us (*John 15:12; I John 3:11, 4:7-8; I Peter 4:8*)?
3. 14th Century English writer, Julian of Norwich, wrote, "Because of the great, infinite love which God has for all humankind, he makes no distinction in love between the blessed soul of Christ and the lowliest of the souls that are to be saved." How does this challenge us as we interact with others (*John 3:16*)?

### APPLICATION:

4. If they (*whoever they is*) think we do not love them, then we (*yes, this is really us*) are failing our Lord's command. Ask God to show you how to show His love through you this week, especially to those who are unChristlike and unlovable.

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6/8 in the series *One Another*

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Although there are 34 specific "one another's" in the New Testament, "one another" is actually used 58 times. That means there is repetition. Of those 58 uses, "*love one another*" is repeated 12 times. Christians can actually be identified based on their ability to "love one another". Let's look at the remarkable context of one such mention of "love one another", and then let's go away increasingly committed to fulfill it.

1. **The set up was intense and personal** (*John 13:31-33*). The room was carefully selected, the topic deepened and the emotions were high.
2. **The priority was heightened** (*John 13:34*). The "new command" sure seemed like an old, often-repeated command.
3. **The distinction is crystal clear** (*John 13:35*). I love theology, but it is love that sets us apart.

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**NEXT WEEK 7/8** • Pray for One Another (*James 5:16*)  
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