

ONE ANOTHER

Love One Another | Discussion Notes

Read through John 13:33-35. When Jesus gives a 'new command' he uses the Greek word for new 'kainos'. This word means 'unlike everything that came before it'. Do you think the love we show as Christians is seen like this? Do you think people can see a difference in the way we love or not?

Philip explained how the command to love one another means our love should be 'choice based', 'other oriented' and 'self sacrificing'.

CHOICE BASED

- What does it mean for love to be 'choice based'?
- What stops us from making the choice to love people? When do we find ourselves reverting back to doing what is easiest?
- What can we do to keep making the choice to love people who we find it difficult to love?

OTHER ORIENTED

- What does 'other oriented' love look like? What does self-centred love look like?
- How can we keep growing in being 'other oriented'? What practices can we put into place?
- How do we avoid creating Hubs full of people that are just like us - 'phileo' friendship groups, instead of radical 'agape' based communities?
- How do we make sure we don't just become insular, inward looking communities but continue to love others?

SELF SACRIFICING

- Jesus says, "As I have loved you, so you must love one another". What does it mean to follow Jesus' example of self-sacrificial love?
- What would it look like to be a community that sacrificially loves one another?

Jesus encourages us that love like this is the marker of a disciples and it is how we can make a real difference, "by this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

- How can we make the love we have for one another attractive to the world around us?
- Have you seen examples of when this love has been visible?

Spend a few minutes praying together. Ask each Hub member if there is a particular aspect of growing in love for others that they would like prayer for. Also pray for your Hub community that you would grow in love for one another.