

"Love One Another"
John 13:33-35

John 13:33-35 *Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

Observation #1: At first they didn't get it.

John 13:36 *Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?"*

Observation # 2: What Jesus is calling us to does not come naturally.

John 13:34 *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.*

I John 3:16 *By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.*

Observation #3: What does this type of love require of me?

-Sometimes this type of love requires my treasure.

I John 3:17-18 *But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*

Acts 4:34-35 *There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.*

-Sometimes this type of love requires my time.

Acts 2:42 *And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

Acts 2:46 *And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,*

Acts 2:47 *praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

-Oftentimes this type of love requires my acceptance of people who are very different from me.

Romans 15:7 *Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

Observation #4: The distinguishing characteristic of a follower of Jesus is a radical self-denying love for one another.

John 13:35 *By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*

I John 4:20-21 *If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.*

This type of love turned the world upside down.