



# Loving one another

LOVE3: Loving God, one another, and our neighbours

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- John 13:34-35: 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.
- Mission: to glorify God as a people united in love and committed to continuing the ministry of Christ our Lord on earth through the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Jesus Christ's example



- John 13 - Jesus washes the disciple's feet
  - Jesus chooses the role of a servant
- vv. 14-17: "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

## Jesus Christ's example



- Jesus shows us how to love one another - by caring for and serving one another
  - Letting others care for us
- Laying down his life for us
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  - Lay down our lives for one another

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## The Early Church - Acts 2:42-47



They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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## In closing...



- Reflect on what a loving church community looks like - what would we be doing?
- Serve one another
  - "Official" ways: ministries at the church
  - "Unofficial" ways: practical, living life together, day to day
- Give generously to our brothers and sisters who are in need

## In closing...

- Connect with one person from Olivet this week
  - We need to be intentional in rebuilding and regrowing some of our relationships, as well as building new ones
- Ask forgiveness for the ways we have hurt our brothers and sisters in Christ, correct behaviours

