

Life Group Study Notes

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Sermon: Love One Another

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Scriptures: John 13:31-35



Scripture Questions:

1. Can you name someone that you have admired. What was special about them that drew your admiration? What talent or quality has God given them? What qualities do you admire most about God?
2. What human activities (e.g. water sports) are you passionate about that can be traced back to God's creation?
3. V.31-32. The Greek word for 'glorify' is translated to magnify. One can magnify objects using a microscope or a telescope depending on the size of the object. What helps you to magnify God according to His reality – to enlarge your perception of God? (Job 37:14)
4. (I John 4:8,16). "God is love." Name the ways in which you are aware of God's love for you. Do you ever doubt God's love? What might bring that about?
5. V.34. Jesus' exhortation to "love one another just as I have loved you" stems from 3 ½ years of close contact with his disciples. Identify the ways in which Jesus would have loved his disciples during that period. How can we emulate that new commandment with our brothers and sisters at HCC?
6. Name some examples of times when church brethren have expressed love towards you. Have there been times when you needed love, but your brethren were missing in action? How can we do better?
7. V.35. How important is brotherly love in preaching the gospel? How does this come about?

Ponder Questions:

- Read Job chapters 38-41. In what ways do these chapters expound on God's greatness?
- Play over in your mind the events through which God delivered the Israelites from Egypt and nurtured them through the desert years before giving them the land of Canaan.
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Prayer:

O God, Eternal God, we bow before you. We glorify and magnify you as we acknowledge how great and loving you are. We are eternally grateful to you and want to respond to your love through the love you have poured into our hearts. You have called us as living sacrifices to love one another, even when it requires some sacrifice. May we love one another as Jesus loves us. Amen.