

real.



what
real love
looks like

*This is how we know what
love is: ... I John 3:16*

Introduction:

- I learned a lesson about love this week.
- Jesus' number one concern for His "family" was that we would be known for the love we have for each other.
- Unfortunately, that just doesn't seem to be the case...at least not all the time.
- In our text this morning, John, the last living disciple of Jesus, reveals why loving one another is so significant and what Jesus' kind of love looks like.

love one another

...It's A _____ Of Life (I John 3: 11-15)

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. (v. 14)

*At the close of his ministry, Jesus looks forward to his death on the cross, the open tomb and the ascension. Knowing that he is about to leave, Jesus prepares his disciples for what is to come. It is here that he makes clear what will be the distinguishing mark of the Christian: **Love one another; as I have loved you, you must also love one another. By this shall all men know you are my disciples if you have love for one another.** This passage reveals the mark that Jesus gives to label a Christian...at all times and at all places until he returns.*

Francis Schaeffer, **The Mark of the Christian**

You cannot have spiritual life and not _____.

love one another

...It's A _____ Of Self (I John 16-19)

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. (v. 16)

Jesus _____

- Term used _____ by John
- Term used _____ by John
- Means:

We Must _____

cf. John 15:9-13 ...*love one another as I have loved you.*

We Love as Jesus Loves

When We _____

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? (v. 17)

Cf. James 2:15-17; Acts 2:45, 4:32-37, 9:36, 11:29-30; II Corinthians 8:1-5; 9:6-11

Sacrificially meeting the needs of one another was the practice of the first century Church and it must continue to be the practice of _____.

Conclusion:

- City Mission Food Drive
- Help for unemployed of our church
- Debt Elimination to fund Outreach Ministries
- Volunteer in a ministry
- Other: _____