

# SERMON NOTES

Sunday 28 June

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**Bible passages: 1 John 2.3-27 and John 15.9-17**

## **Introduction**

- Those who want to know that they belong to Jesus do what Jesus says and live as Jesus wants
- Summed up in commandment to love one another

## **Love one another: a new commandment**

- Jesus showed us what this looked like when he washed the feet of *all* his disciples (John 13)
- We can love others because God first loved us

## **Love one another: an old commandment**

- Jesus said that the greatest commandment was to love God and love one another (Matthew 22.37-40)
- Jesus' commandments are there to enable us to enjoy fullness of life with him and with one another

## **Love one another: a commandment for everyone**

- A commandment for young, old and those in between
- Everyone who wants to follow Jesus needs to keep his commandments in response to his love for us

## **Conclusion: love one another this week**

- Jesus said: '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.' (John 13.34-35)
- What might it look like for you this week?

## **Some questions to discuss**

1. How have you felt loved this week?
2. Read 1 John 2.3-27. What do you notice?
3. We tend to associate keeping commandments with the Old Testament. Why is it an important part of following Jesus?
4. In what ways might thinking about loving one another in response to Jesus' love for us change how we see this commandment?
5. Read John 15.9-17. How does this deepen your understanding of 1 John 2?
6. How can these passages help us love those we find difficult?
7. What might it look like for you to love one another this week?
8. Is there one thing that you are taking away from these passages? Is there something you need to do in response? It might be something to pray about, something to think more about, something God wants you to talk to someone about or something he wants you to do. Make a note of it so you don't forget!

'This is my command: love each other' (John 13.17)  
Why not spend some time thanking God for his lavish love for you and ask him to help you love well this week?

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