

Multiplication Weekend

Missions in Canada | Sermon by Stephen Bray

October 23/24 Sermon | **John 15:12-17**

UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY

Read John 15:12-17

1. According to Jesus, what are the signs that someone is a friend of God (v.15)?
2. Jesus commands His disciples to love “as He has loved,” so what are the ways that Jesus has shown love to others so far in the gospel of John?

CONNECT TO HIS STORY

Read John 13:3-17

1. Why does Jesus wash the disciples' feet?
2. According to these two passages in John (John 13 and 15), what sort of things ought to be part of faithful Christian life?
3. What other gospel connections do you see in this text?
 - a. What do we learn about who God is?
 - b. What do we learn about the relationship between God and man?
 - c. What does it look like to follow God in this text?

APPLY TO OUR STORY

It is evident from Jn. 15:12-17, that Christian life requires us to love as Christ loved us. His love was sacrificial, intimate, and missional.

(1) Can you remember a time when you received Christ-like love from another person? What did they do or how did they help you?

(2) Can you remember a time when you gave Christ-like love to another person? How did you help them?

The Bible does not tell us to do *what* Jesus did, but rather tells us to do *as* Jesus did. In Jn. 13:3-17 we see Jesus serving His disciples, one of whom he knew would betray Him, while the others would abandon Him in his hour of need. Clearly, the command to love is not dependent on the character of the other person.

(3) What opportunities do you currently see in your life to serve people who may not appreciate it or who may not reciprocate it?

(4) What opportunities do you currently see to love/serve the people of Northview?

Prayer

Adoration: What can you praise God for, as a result of studying this text?

Confession: What might you need to confess to God as a result of studying this text?

Supplication: What can you ask God for, as a result of studying this text?