

SERMON NOTES

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ADVENT: John 13:34-35 December 17, 2023

LOVE

BIG IDEA: Love is a distinguishing mark of a disciple of Jesus.

JESUS MODELED LOVE FOR US (v. 34)

Love is not an option, but a <u>command</u>. (1 John 5:1-3)

Love is <u>sacrificial</u>. (Romans 5:8)

Jesus calls us to a higher standard of love. (Matthew 5:43-48)

Love must be developed and mature over time. (Philippians 1:9-11)

CHRISTIANS MUST MODEL LOVE TO THE WORLD (v. 35)

Love is visible to all. (1 John 4:7-12)

Love is a powerful <u>demonstration</u> to the world. (Matthew 5:13-16)

Love should point people to <u>Jesus</u>. (John 17:20–23)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Why do you think that the world misunderstands love?

How can we help the world better understand what love really is?

Who, in your circle, needs to hear about the love and truth of Jesus Christ?