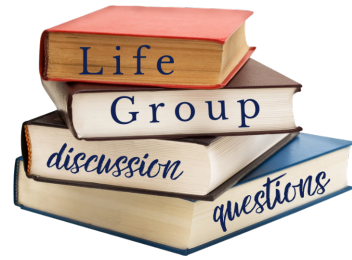


## OPENING DISCUSSION

What does it look like to love like Jesus without dying for the sins of the whole world?



## SERMON

Why is the command to love one another as Jesus has loved us so important?

Why is love, in Jesus' words, so closely tied to sacrifice?

How is obedience to Jesus tied to being a friend? In what ways is obedience in friendship different from obedience tied to being a servant?

As friends, what do we know that we would not know as servants?

How is Jesus' choosing of His friends to carry on His mission an encouragement for us today? What is the basis of His choosing?

Why is loving one another so important in Jesus' mission?

## APPLICATION

What are some examples of the sacrificial love of other Christians?

What does it look like to lay down your life for your friends while still living?

How is friendship with God different from friendship with the world?

How does it feel that Jesus chose us for ministry? What responsibilities come with that choosing?

What does it mean to bear fruit for Jesus? What fruit have you seen in your own life?

Who are the "one another" we are to love?

Not a part of a Small Group at North Hills?

Visit the church website and check out the different groups currently meeting.

When you see one that interests you, click on the link provided and know that the group will be glad you came!

<https://church.north-hills.org/connect/small-group-ministry>

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### John 15:12-17 (ESV)

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

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## *The Love of God*

Today's message: Follow the Leader

### **BIG IDEA:**

Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_ for what love is.

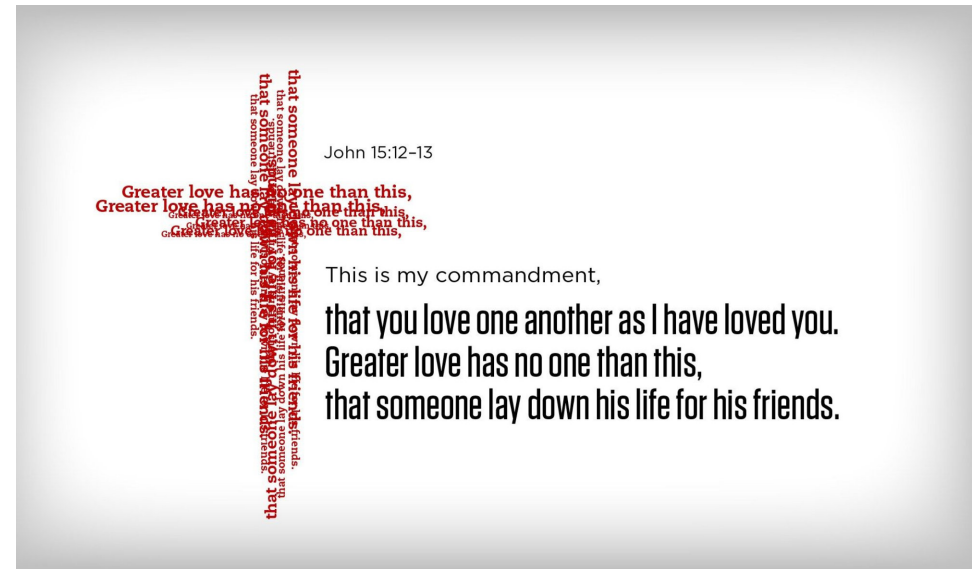
1. Love is a \_\_\_\_\_. (John 15:12-13)

2. Love is a \_\_\_\_\_. (John 15:14-15)

3. Love is a \_\_\_\_\_. (John 15:16-17)

### **RESPONSE:**

How do you love \_\_\_\_\_ as Christ has loved \_\_\_\_\_?



### Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings

Parents and guardians, we ask that you go to the **main entrance** of the Worship Center to check your child in. After service, go to the Preschool Playground (or Dodson Hall) in a timely fashion to check your child out. While our Sunday morning Children's Worship is designed for children, it is not mandatory children attend. Parents and guardians are welcome to keep their children with them in the Worship Center if they prefer.

### The FAMILY ROOM

***Want a place to go during the worship service when your young one is crying?***

***Want a place to go when your newborn needs to be fed?***

***Want a place to go where the service can be watched?***

***The Family Room has been designed especially for you!***

The Family Room (located on the first floor by the wooden double doors) is for parents who want to care for their children yet do not want to miss out on what is happening in the Worship Center. Parents, we invite you to come inside and make yourself at home.

We also have another room for parents. It is located on the second floor. It is a larger room where children can play and parents can watch the service as it is live streamed. The room next door has a restroom. Please feel free to use it and let us know if there is anything you need.

Parents, we are so glad you are here at North Hills. It is an honor and joy to serve you and your children. May God bless you today.

### Communication Cards and Offering Envelopes

At the **main entrance** and **senior parking lot entrance** of the Worship Center, you will find a pedestal box when you leave today. If you have filled out a Communication Card or Offering Envelope, please insert them into either of the boxes (please note the boxes will remain out for 15 minutes after the service). For those who prefer to contribute online, simply go to north-hills.org and click on Support NH or text GIVE to (707) 289-7600.

**Read the entire Bible chronologically in a year**

See the church newsletter for this week's Bible reading passages.

<https://church.north-hills.org/newsletters/weekly-newsletter>