



Life Group Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: Promises of 15:13

Sermon Title: Part 4 – John 15:13

Sermon Date: 3-31-19

Gospel Gain: Jesus gave a command to love others that He was first in line to fulfill.

Gathering Together (Icebreaker)

How do you know that you are loved by someone?

How does the culture around us discuss the topic of love?

How do you think the world defines love verses how the Bible defines love?

Growing Together (Truth/Equipping)

In this study we will look at a variety of passages (Chapter 15, verse 13 in different books of the Bible) that contain wonderful promises about God. In today's passage, we see that Jesus gave the perfect example of sacrificial love through his death on the cross. The challenge for us is to figure out how to copy his example of sacrificial love to others.

Read: *John 15:12-13*

Jesus gives a command here about loving others. What is the difference between a command and a suggestion? Why is that difference important?

Jesus says we are to love one another as he has loved us. What would that look like?

He says that greater love is sacrificial – laying down our life for our friends. Does this mean the only way we can demonstrate sacrificial love is through the loss of our life? If not, what does it include?

In what ways did Jesus model sacrificial love to others?

Read: *John 13:1-17*

What stands out to you in this passage?

How is this foot-washing by Jesus a demonstration of sacrificial love?

How would you have felt if you had had your feet washed by Jesus?

Jesus tells His disciples to go and wash one another's feet. Does this mean we should literally wash one another's feet? If it is more than that, what is Jesus asking His followers to do?

Read: *1 Timothy 2:5-6*

What does it mean that Jesus gave His life as a ransom for all?

How does passage describe sacrificial love in the life of Jesus?

How does this passage encourage you?

Read: *Mark 10:35-45*

Jesus challenges the disciples by saying (v.43) that whoever wants to be great must become a servant of others. What do you think that looks like in a disciple's life today?

What are the challenges to serving others?

What are the joys that can be experienced when we serve others in love?

Jesus says (v.44) that whoever wants to be first, must be a slave to all. What do you think that means and how would we apply that in our lives today?

Then Jesus challenges the disciples by His own example. The Son of Man came to serve and give His life as a ransom for many. How does that declaration inspire or challenge you?

Getting Real with One Another (Accessibility)

How can you, in a practical way, demonstrate sacrificial love to someone in your life this week?

Share with the group one thing you hope to do this week that demonstrates sacrificial love to someone in your life.

Group Prayer Time (Supplication)

Share some prayer requests and then pray for one another.

Pray that Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.