



Today we're moving back into the Gospel of John. In John 1 we're introduced to Jesus as the Son of God. These are some of the most elevated statements about Jesus in the entire New Testament. Next, in John 2-10 the primary focus is on the miracles, signs, teaching, and controversies surrounding Jesus. We see Jesus turn water into wine, feed the masses, and teach like no one has ever taught. Next, in John 11-12 we read that Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Jesus puts Himself in harm's way to heal His friends. It's a selfless act of love. All of this leads us to John 13 where we start the Upper Room discourse where Jesus gives the disciples a new command to love.

1. When you heard the story of the elementary boy who made his own T-shirt for the college color day at his school what did you think? Did the story bring up any emotion or thoughts for you about loving others and how to do that better?
2. In John 13 Jesus gives the disciples a new command to love each other. **Read John 13:34-35**. This command was given to those who follow Jesus. What makes it easy to love some people and what makes it challenging to love others?
3. As we think about loving others what are some lessons you've learned that have helped you love others? Read these passages and use them as prompt to help you love others: **1 Corinthians 13:4, Romans 13:8, Philippians 2:3, and Mathew 5:43-48**.
4. The opposite of love is to betray a person. Judas had already struck a deal with the religious leaders to hand Jesus over. **Read John 13:18-30**. What do you think are the small choices that Judas made to come to this big decision to betray Jesus?
5. Being betrayed might be one of the most heart-wrenching things that can happen to us in life. If you're willing, share about a time you were betrayed and how you dealt with it. When betrayal happens, how can you turn to Jesus who also knows what it's like to be betrayed?
6. Near the end of our passage Jesus predicts Peter's upcoming denial. **Read John 13:36-38**. Peter is a man who is zealous for Jesus and can't fathom this happening. What happens in our life that leads us to slowly walk away from Jesus?
7. When you think about the entirety of this passage what stands out most to you? Do you think you're in a spot where you would betray Jesus or are you considering denying Jesus? Where can you grow in your love for others this week?
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for wisdom to love others well.