

A Life Defined by Love, for the Lost and One Another

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35 (NIV)

Love is our defining attribute.

What kind of love?

Love as God has loved us.

God's love is <u>sacrificial</u>.But God showed his great love for us by send-

ing Christ to die for us while we were still sin-

ners. Romans 5:6-8 (NLT)

God's love is <u>steadfast</u>. And I am convinced that nothing can ever sepa-

rate us from God's love... Romans 8:38 (NLT)

God's love is <u>personal</u>. ...God decided in advance to adopt us into his

own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and

it gave him great pleasure. **Eph. 1:4-5 (NLT)**

How do we demonstrate God's love?

Love for the Lost

Be <u>Passionate</u>

...My heart is filled with bitter sorrow and unending grief for my people, my Jewish brothers and sisters. I would be willing to be forever cursed—cut off from Christ!—if that would save them. Ro. 9:1-3 (NLT)

Be <u>Prepared</u> ...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone

who asks you to give the reason for the hope that

you have... 1 Peter 3:15-16 (NIV)

Love for one another

Be <u>Selfless</u> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but

in humility count others more significant than your-

selves... Philippians 2:3-4 (ESV)

Be Sacrificial If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your

feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do

just as I have done to you. John 13:14-15 (ESV)

Be Steadfast Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all

things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:7 (ESV)

Be <u>Personal</u> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who

weep. Romans 12:15 (ESV)

Why?

It brings glory to God. 2 Corinthians 4:5-7 (NLT)

It brings joy to our lives. 1 John 1:3-4 (NLT)

Going Deeper On Your Own: When we think about evangelism too many of us discount it because we believe it is simply for someone else. Pastor Rusty reminded us this weekend that we all are called to be ready to share the hope that we have in Christ. We don't have to have a script, but we need to be intentional if we want to grow in the area of sharing our faith. This week we want to encourage you to take time to identify 3 people who need to come to faith in Jesus Christ or someone who needs encouragement. Once you have identified these three people, commit to praying six days a week for them. Then make a commitment to miss zero opportunities to impact their lives through sharing your faith or making an impact in their lives. Don't forget to share your victories about how God provided you with opportunities to impact the lives of others with Pastor Rusty at Rusty@CenterPointChurch.com.