

The Journey

Week 4: Leads to Deeper Love

Weekly Summary: What the world needs now is just a little more love—and not just the world, but me, too! How much darker do I make the journey because of the coldness and selfishness of my heart? Jesus cries out for me to love as he has loved me. Lord, lead me deeper into your love!



- The world needs a better _____ of love in it.

- ❖ **John 13:31-32** – When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

- ❖ **John 13:33** – My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

- ❖ **John 13:34a** – A new command I give you: Love one another.

- ❖ **Leviticus 19:18** – Love your neighbor as yourself.

- ❖ **John 13:34b-35** – As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

- ❖ **John 15:12-13** – My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

❖ **2 Corinthians 5:18a** – All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ ...

➤ **Jesus' love says:** "I will _____ myself to bring others into a _____
_____ with God."

➤ **Christian love says:** "I will _____ myself to bring others into a _____
_____ with God."

❖ **Matthew 5:16** – "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

➤ Concrete Applications of the Christian Love Principle:

Digging Deeper

1. What are some deep flaws in the world's version of love? Why are they problematic?
2. Can you think of some times when you've shown the world's version of love to people instead of Christ's? What sinful motivations lie behind those instances?
3. Read 1 John 3:18, then comment on the phrase: "Love is a feeling." Why is understanding the active nature of love so important for us as we journey through life under Christ?
4. Give a quick summary of Nathan's encounter with David in 2 Samuel 12:1-14. Why is Nathan such a supreme example of the godly love we looked at in this week's message?
5. What makes God's love so unique? How is Romans 5:6-8 a paragon of what we discussed in today's lesson?
6. What do the following passages teach us further about the nature of True Love?
 - a. 2 Corinthians 5:14
 - b. 1 John 4:7
 - c. 1 John 4:19
 - d. Romans 13:8-10
 - e. Galatians 5:13

Homework: Read John 14:23-29 to prepare for next week's message in our series *The Journey*.