

ONE
ANOTHER
THE PATH OF COMMUNITY

Love One Another
(John 13:31-36)

1. How many of Jesus' *'One Another'* statements can you think of? There are at least 100 you could list directly or indirectly. Why, do you think, did Jesus use this phrase so profusely?
2. As you think back over the past 16+ months, what have you missed most and/or least about being church family together? In what ways has commitment to community been easier and in what ways has it been harder?
3. As you read John 13:31-36, what strikes you most, especially if you consider the verses (1-30) which precede them?
4. What is the significance of Jesus being *'troubled in spirit'* in verse 21? What, do you think, was troubling him and why?
5. Is there a difference between Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial? Is one act worse than another? Why? Why not? Who/what do each of them love the most?
6. In verses 31-33, Jesus' focuses attention on himself. What's his point and why do you think he shares what he does? What is the application of these verses for us?
7. In verses 34 onwards, Jesus focuses his attention on the disciples. How is the command in verse 34 *'new'* and how is it very old at the same time?
8. *"We are loved by Jesus to love like Jesus."* Discuss. Is this possible or is Jesus setting us up to fail?
9. Verse 35 contains some very challenging words. Can you think of a time when non-Christians have been impacted by witnessing Christian love (or perhaps a lack of it)?
10. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in fulfilling Jesus' command to love one another?
11. Is it fair to say that our love for one another is one of the primary ways that Christ draws people into relationship with himself and then into the church?
12. Can you think of a few simple steps which will help you grow in loving others? How does the 'reset effect' of Covid lockdowns provide you and CBC with new opportunities?