

Love One Another

WEEK 3

How Did It Go?

Would anyone like to share about how God showed up in the last week?

Read Aloud

Passage for this week: John 13:33-35.

Head (15–20 minutes)

OBSERVE THE TEXT AND THE AUTHOR'S MAIN POINTS

- The word 'love' can have many different meanings. Discuss some of the ways you use or encounter the word 'love' in your life.
- In this passage, the gospel writer uses the Greek word agape to capture the 'love' which Christ is calling his disciples to pursue. Explore the meaning of this word, and discuss its implications for how we should understand and apply this passage.

Heart (15-20 minutes)

ENVISION HOW THE TEXT—WHEN APPLIED—MIGHT TRANSFORM YOUR INNER LIFE IN TERMS OF YOUR THOUGHTS, ATTITUDES, AND BEHAVIORS

- Where in your life have you experienced agape-love?
- Christ says that this agape-love is a distinguishing characteristic of his disciples. Where have you seen the Church embody this type of love well?
- Where have you seen the Church struggle to embody agape-love?
- What are some ways you might work to remedy this in your community?

Hands (10 minutes)

APPLY THE TEXT BY MOVING FROM INWARD REFLECTION TO OUTWARD ACTION LOOKING FOR WAYS TO LIVE THE TEXT OUT IN OUR LIVES TO SERVE OTHERS

• Take a minute for prayer and silent reflection; ask the Holy Spirit to reveal how you might apply this passage in your life this week. After a moment, share with your group.

