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1 John – Love One Another

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Ted started the service by sharing a love quiz. Go through the questions and share your experience.

1. Have you forgiven the person that hurt you in your last church?
2. Are you avoiding someone in this church because they annoy you?
3. When you disagree with another believer on a non-essential issue, do you keep arguing, stiff-arm them, drop it, or question their salvation?
4. Have you ever withheld from taking the Lord's supper because you were in a fight with another believer, and you know you needed to make it right first?
5. Have you ever left in the middle of worship to go and be reconciled to a brother or sister in Christ?

Read John 13:34-35

What does it mean that the mark of a Christian is love? How can acting in an unloving way compromise our witness as a believer?

Read 1 John 3:11-18

Ted said, "If you cannot find it in your heart to love someone you have a source problem not a people problem." Explain what that means. If you have an issue with a person, what is a powerful way to begin to address the issue?

Read Romans 13:8 and 1 Thessalonians 3:12

Growing in faith should result in growing in love for others. How are you doing in these areas? Is there a specific area that needs intentional effort for you to experience growth in faith AND love?

Consider each of the following myths. Can you think of other sayings that sound true but are not actually scriptural? How should we respond instead?

- I love you, but I don't have to like you.
- If I love Jesus, then loving you should be easy.
- If we love Jesus, then getting along should be automatic.

Spend some time compiling some scriptures that encourage (or challenge) you concerning how you treat others. Share a couple of specific areas you plan to put those verses to action in the coming week.