

## LOVING ONE ANOTHER SERMON 1

Title: Loving one another is the most important thing we will do as followers of Jesus.

### TWO BOLD STATEMENTS FOR THE SERIES

1. I am \_\_\_\_\_ as a follower of Jesus when I am not loving others as Jesus commanded me.
2. I am \_\_\_\_\_ as a follower of Jesus when I am not loving others as Jesus commanded me.

### NEW COMMANDMENT-

- A. LOVING ONE ANOTHER IS NOT \_\_\_\_\_ .
- B. LOVING ONE ANOTHER MEANS LOVING \_\_\_\_\_ BELIEVER NOT JUST SOME BELIEVERS. 1 John 3:14-15
- C. LOVING ONE ANOTHER MEANS LOVING \_\_\_\_\_ GOD HAS PROVIDED. Romans 5:5; Galatians 5:22
- D. LOVING ONE ANOTHER IS \_\_\_\_\_ AND LIVING OBEDIENCE IS LOVING. John 14:15, 21, 23, 24

### NEW STANDARD OF LOVE—

It is a new command because of the new standard. “as I have loved you”

WRONG STANDARD: Loving one another as Jesus loves us:

- A. JESUS LOVES \_\_\_\_\_ .
- B. JESUS LOVES \_\_\_\_\_ .
- C. JESUS LOVES \_\_\_\_\_ .

### NEW MISSIONAL APPROACH—

Why is this new commandment so important? What is at stake?

OUR TESTIMONY-IT SAYS SOMETHING \_\_\_\_\_ . John 13:35

- A. LOVING ONE ANOTHER GIVES EVIDENCE THAT THE GOSPEL HAS \_\_\_\_\_ POWER.
- B. LOVING ONE ANOTHER GIVES EVIDENCE THAT WE ARE IN \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK IN OUR LIVES.

THE TESTIMONY OF GOD-IT SAYS SOMETHING \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. LOVING ONE ANOTHER IS OUR \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE FAITH. 1 Peter 3:15
- B. LOVING ONE ANOTHER GIVES US \_\_\_\_\_ TO DRAW PEOPLE TO GOD.

A church's success depends on only one thing: not great wealth, political power, sophisticated technology, superior organization, great preaching, public rallies, big buildings or creative programs, but the mutual love shared within a community of faith. Gerald Sittser