



Sermon series: Joy Full
Text: 1 John 3:11-18
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The Joy of Sacrificial Love

Big Idea: God calls us to love in practice not just in theory.

Love is the _____ of Christianity. (vs.11-14)

1. Love is an essential _____ of the church.
2. Love is an essential _____ of a changed life.

Love is the most _____ of Christianity. (vs. 12,14-15)

1. We are all prone to put _____ ahead of others.
2. Loving as a Christian is like learning a new _____.

Love is the most _____ of the gospel. (vs. 16-18)

1. We have the perfect _____ of love.

“Self-effacing and others-serving. Sacrificial. This is the central idea of Christian love. This is the uncomfortable meaning of love It doesn’t lead to easier lives. It leads to sacrifice.” -Brett McCracken

2. We have the present _____ for love.

Takeaway: Pursue joy by _____ for others.

What’s a saying or message you repeat over and over again? (Whether to a spouse, kids, coworkers, friends, or others) Why do you keep repeating yourself? How does that help shine a light on why 1 John seems so repetitive at times?

As you look around and see a world that is so full of hate at times, how might that also be an opportunity for the church?



What are some of the ways we can love one another as we gather together on Sunday Mornings? What would it take for the church to feel more like the most loving place in the world?

How have you found love to be a challenge in your own life? What are some of the most difficult aspects of loving other people?

What are some of the ways that you most often have to battle against self-centeredness in your own life?

What are some ways that the gospel not only gives us the pattern for loving each other well, but also the power to actually love each other well?

Do you agree that sacrificial love for others is actually a pathway to joy? Why or why not? How could that help motivate you to make sacrifices for others?

What are some of the ways you can make a habit of sacrificially loving others in your life (think spouse, kids, family, fellow church members, friends, coworkers, neighbors, others)?