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*True Disciples Love As They Have
Been Loved*
John 15:12-17

1. Discuss how verses 12-17 connects to the rest of the vine section of John 15: Why does Jesus emphasize the interpersonal relationships of His disciples so heavily? (see 1 John 4:7-21 also)
2. When are you most tempted to doubt God's love, and why? How can you anchor your assurance of God's love in the cross rather than your feelings? *"We will always question God's love for us if we define his love by how we feel and not by what he has done."* ~ **Greg Morse**
3. How does Jesus' choice and appointment of his disciples (v.16) shape your understanding of your Christian life? What effect should that have on you?
4. React to this quote by J. C. Ryle and discuss if this is a fair and accurate assessment of loveless Christians:

This command of Jesus "should stir up in us great searchings of heart. It condemns the selfish, ill-natured, jealous, ill-tempered spirit of many professing Christians with a sweeping condemnation. Sound views of doctrine and knowledge of controversy will avail us nothing at last, if we have known nothing of love. Without charity we may pass muster very well as Churchmen. But without charity we are no better, says Paul, than "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal" (1 Corinthians 13:1). Where there is no Christlike love, there is no grace, no work of the Spirit, and no reality in our religion"- J. C. Ryle

5. How does this passage challenge the way you relate to other believers? Non-Christians? What does it look like for your friendships to be cross-shaped? To be relational rather than transactional?

6. How does this passage challenge the way you relate to God? How does it challenge you in the way that you pray?