

Passage: John 13:31-35
Sunday: January 26, 2025

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³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

1. What was Jesus' purpose with introducing His own glory, and God's glory in the beginning of the passage?
2. Why did Jesus address His listeners as, "Little children"? If He would've chosen another word or title, how would that change the context of the passage?
3. How would you react if you were listening to Jesus say, "Where I am going you cannot come"?
4. How is this "new commandment" of love, different than any other commandments previously mentioned in scripture?

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5. What makes the love among the disciples different from other ways we think about love or how the “world” shows love?

6. Why do you think God wants us (His disciples) to be recognized by love? What are ways that loving one another, makes following Jesus and becoming a disciple more attractive to a non-believer?

7. What barriers do you face with loving others?

8. What does this passage teach you about our theme of the year, “Be One. Make One.”?