

FOR

SERMON DISCUSSION

Do Good

Quotable Moments:

- God is love. God loves everybody. Everybody matters to God.
- A church is a community of people changed by the resurrection of Jesus and living by the command of Jesus.

Scripture: John 13:34; 1 John 2:1-11

Key Things You Heard:

- Jesus' early followers realized that the most authentic way to love God is to love people like Jesus loves people.
- Everybody comes to God on the same terms.
- Jesus is the standard of loving well.
- Definition of sin: If it's not loving them, it is a sin.

Pray: Jesus, thank you for loving me unconditionally and sacrificially. Thank you for modeling the way of love before commanding us to love. Help me to ask this question in every interaction: "What does love require of me?" I know I won't always get it right, and in those moments, I am grateful for your grace and forgiveness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Moving Forward:

- If you didn't already give this week, give to our FOR challenge now.
- Memorize Luke 6:35.
- Re-watch and/or share the sermon with a friend. Go to rivertown.cc or the RCC App.

Questions for Group Discussion:

First Minutes: Talk as a group about your individual and group plans to do intentional acts of service and love.

- What about this sermon made you feel uncomfortable? What challenged you?
- Who is someone you know that seems to love like Jesus loved? How do people respond to them?
- Read John 13:34. Knowing Jesus said this only hours before he died on the cross - what is significant about these words? How did Jesus motivate them to live out unconditional, sacrificial love?
- Read 1 John 2:1-2. Why do you think John started with a reminder that Jesus is our advocate as well as an advocate for everyone's sins?
- Read 1 John 2:3-6. What is your normal response when you hear about a command to a command? How does knowing that Jesus modeled what He commanded inspire you?
- Read 1 John 2:10-11. Have you ever observed a person blind to or lying to themselves about their attitude of hate (either you or someone else)? How does the description of walking in light or darkness apply to love and hate?
- What would you need to change to be the kind of person who loves like Jesus did? Why is this difficult to think about?