

Sermon Notes

Created for Community: Gospel-fueled friendship
John 15:9-17

Intro.

Big Idea: The self-denying love of Christ is the pattern and power-source for Christian community.

- I. Jesus's love for his friends is greater than we can fathom.
 1. The Father's love for Jesus is the pattern for Jesus' love toward us (v. 9-10).
 2. Jesus displays his love for us by laying down his life for our salvation (v. 13).
 3. Jesus calls those who receive his love, his friends (v.15).

- II. As Jesus' friends, our joy is made full through becoming like Him in love.
 1. Sharing Jesus' self-denying love in friendship with others is beyond us.
 2. Friendship with Jesus fuels us for friendship in Christian community (v.10.15).
 3. Joy comes through experiencing self- denying friendship in community (v.11).

- III. We grow in fruitfulness as community through Christ-like friendship with each other.
 1. If we are Christ's friends, we will lay down our lives for one another (v. 12).
 2. We lay down our lives by prioritizing and serving each other (1 John 3:16-17)
 3. This Christ-like friendship produces lasting growth and witness (v. 16-17).

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