

05-05-24 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Love is not a by-product or added benefit we receive from our relationships with God and with one another. It is, rather, fundamental to God's very being and nature, and therefore to our identity as followers of Christ. If we are acting, speaking, living, and breathing love, then we are rooted in the source of love.”

- Adam M. L. Tice



John 15:9-17

Questions for Reflection —

- In what ways is love foundational for your identity as a follower of Christ? Do you think other people can see God's love in your life? Why or why not? What does it look like for you to act, speak, live, and breathe God's love? What will help you grow further in manifesting God's love in all aspects of your life?

- What does it mean for you to be called a friend of Jesus? How does this identity influence your relationship with Jesus? How does it impact your relationships with other people? What has been your experience of Christian friendship? How have connections in Christian community allowed you to experience God's love?

- What does it look like for you to love others as Jesus loves you? How does Jesus' love flow through you to others in your home, neighborhood, workplace/school, and community? How might God be calling our congregation to love our neighbors? How can we as a congregation better manifest love that is welcoming, accepting, and forgiving of others?

Daily Household Prayer

Loving God, your will for us in Jesus is the peace which the world cannot give; your abiding gift is the Advocate he promised. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear. Keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word, that we may always be your dwelling place. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.