



Discussion Questions:

How might our understanding of love change if we view it as an action rather than just a feeling? What practical implications does this have for how we treat others in our daily lives?

In what ways can divisions within the church hinder God's mission, and how can we actively work to prevent or heal such rifts?

How does Jesus' command to 'love one another' differ from the Old Testament command to 'love your neighbor as yourself'? What unique challenges does this present for the church?

What are some practical ways we can 'lay down our lives' for our brothers and sisters in Christ, as mentioned in 1 John 3:16?

How can we balance the need to speak truth with the command to love one another? Is it possible to do both simultaneously?

In what ways might our cultural understanding of love conflict with the biblical definition of love as demonstrated by Jesus?

How can we cultivate a community where people feel comfortable enough to share their struggles and needs, allowing others to step in and help?

What barriers might prevent us from loving others in practical, sacrificial ways, and how can we overcome these obstacles?

How does the story of the Good Samaritan challenge our preconceptions about who we should love and how we should love them?

In what ways can small acts of love and kindness have a significant impact on someone's life, as illustrated by the pastor's personal story?