



Sunday 5th February 2017

Our Mission: Love, Love, Serve

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As a group, read Mark 12:28-34. This week, Lance reminded us of the vital mission that we have as a church, and as of followers of Christ: to Love God, Love others and Serve the world.

Where is your love?

Lance suggested that love is a powerful motivating force for each of us. Almost everything we do – every action that we take – can in some way be traced back to love. Whether it be love for our family, 'loving' the work we do, 'loving' attention from colleagues or even loving what we can buy or own.

- How does love shape your life?
- Are there things in your life that you perhaps love too much?
- Consider the following verses. How does the way you show and express love compare with these passages?
 - John 15:13 Matthew 6:24
 - Luke 6:35 Romans 12:9
 - 1 Peter 4:8 1 John 4: 18&19

Loving Others

In this passage, God calls us not only to love himself, but to love creation and our neighbour.

- In Mark 12:34 Jesus tells the scribe that he is not far from the Kingdom. Why is this statement so powerful?
- Are there rituals, practices or routines that we as modern day Christians need to confront in being more loving to those around us?
- What would Jesus say to us at NewHope about the way we love each other?

Serving

Lance reminded us that Jesus came not to be served but to serve (Matt 20:28). If we are willing to let God use us to serve, we can experience a change of mindset – rather than asking God for 'protection', we are able to approach challenges with the mindset that asks God to help us do whatever he desires.

- Can you think of a time when you have been serving others and been completely overwhelmed by the task? How has your relationship with God been shaped by this experience?
- How will you serve others in 2017

Read Galatians 5:13 as you close and pray for each other for the courage and obedience to serve and love others this year.



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