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Sacrificial Love

John 15:12-17

John 15:12-17 continues to describe the relationship of the vine and the branches. The relationship between the two is connected by the sacrificial love He has for us. It is particularly connected by one specific action by Jesus, which is in the future, but it is so sure it is spoken of as a completed action. For that reason, Jesus' sacrificial love for us, becomes a motivating factor in our lives.

Additional Verses:

Exodus 33:11

Isaiah 41:8

Jeremiah 31:34

Matthew 28:19-20

1 Peter 1:10-12

2 Peter 3:9

Outline:

1. Jesus' sacrificial love commands us to love.

2. Jesus' sacrificial love designates us as friends.

3. Jesus' sacrificial love compels us to evangelize.

Study Questions:

1. What amazes you every time you see it? How does this compare to when you think about the cross?

2. Why is the word "love" in the present and past tense in John 15:12? What implications does this have for believers today?

3. Why are believers called "friends?" How does this impact our work for the kingdom?

4. How does John 15:16 direct us to the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20? What is the basis for our work of evangelism?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?