



Sermon Notes: A Culture of Selfless Love

1. The Mandate to Love.

2. The Meaning of Love.

- Love is the commitment to seeking another's good, even at great cost to oneself.

3. The Murderers of Love.

a. Sin that's allowed to hang around.

b. Selfish pride.

c. Sentimentality.

4. The Manifestation and Motivator of Love.

- Key Word: exchange.
 - The whole world: "My advantage at your expense."
 - Christ: "Your advantage at my expense."



Gospel Applications: A Culture of Selfless Love

Discuss.

1. We all have an unwritten idea of what love is. What's yours? What is love and what is love *not*?
2. How is love defined/described in *John 15:12-13* and *1 John 3:16*? What is the underlying, repeatable principle? Compare this principle with your answer to #1. How are they similar? How are they different?
3. Skim through the church directory. On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you love others at Grace City? What one word best describes your love for the people of the church right now? What actions would you point to as evidence for how much you love others?
4. Think of someone you used to love that you honestly don't love anymore. What happened? What do you think killed your love for him or her? In general, what do you think is the biggest "murderer" of love in your life?
5. Why is subtle self-pity just as deadly to love as blatant self-obsession?
6. Think back to a time when you felt incredibly loved. What did someone *do* for you? How were they seeking your advantage at their own expense?
7. What did it cost Jesus to love you, a sinner? (List everything you can think of.) How are these sacrifices evidenced in your life by the way that you love others (family, friends, neighbors, strangers, enemies, etc.)?
8. What one thing do you need to do immediately? How will others inside and outside the church receive your love this week?

Pray.

1. Confess where you are failing to love others as Christ has first loved you. Repent of all the things that are killing love in your heart.
2. Ask – and trust – God to bear the fruit of His love in you and through you. Praise Christ for His selfless love and ask God to remake you like Jesus.