

Clarence Park Baptist Church – Weston-super-Mare

Tuesday 10th November 2020

based on Last Sundays service theme



Worship God

GROW Together

SERVE Others

Remembrance

Sunday

Opening Prayer

Reading



John 15:9-17 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

⁹ 'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit - fruit that will last - and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: love each other.

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In this passages Jesus is asking us to show our love for others by taking our eyes off our own lives and our own needs, and instead to look towards others and to focus what we can do to help them and to show love towards them.

Justin Welby spoke about this on GMTV last week. He said that the role of christen love that comes from our worship to God is seen in the way that Christians are helping and caring for those who are in need, not just abroad but also at home.

Tonight, as we look at the theme of sacrifice and self-giving it is our prayer that in doing so that me might become more like Christ.

QUESTIONS:

Group discussion

1. Look again at the passage from Johns gospel. As you read it is there a phrase that stands out for you?
2. Sunday was Remembrance Sunday – is this a significant day for you? Are there specific people that you take time to remember? Are you willing to share their story with the group?

Questions to answer during “Break Out” groups

3. What is Sacrifice?
4. In his talk on Sunday, Steve said that Remembrance Sunday is about not just looking back to the PAST but also looking and remembering the sacrifice of others today in the PRESENT.
 - a) Do you agree with this?
 - b) How might this help younger people connect with Remembrance Sunday?
5. What acts of self- sacrifice have blessed your life?
6. In what way have you or the church served others in a sacrificial way recently?

On returning together – please be prepared to share your responses to the questions you have been able to cover.

Additional question if time:

7. In his interview with GMTV, Justin Welby spoke about the petition from church leaders to our prime minister asking for a review to the closing down churches for worship. What are your thoughts about this action?

For Personal reflection:

8. What might you do to live the teaching from Jesus in this passage during the coming week?

Final Question together:

9. What might God be wanting to teach you personally this week?
10. And what is his message to the whole of our Church?



CLOSE:

As you close take a moment to pray for one another and to give thanks to God for one another.

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