

MEN'S BREAKFAST - GLORY, LOVE, DENIAL PREDICTED

1. What trait do you share with other family members?
2. What can you learn about a person from the way he or she dresses?
3. How do people reveal their convictions through their life-style?
4. What does it mean to love someone?

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial John 13:31-38

31 When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

33 "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

36 Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?"

Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later."

37 Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

38 Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? I tell you the truth, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!"

Discussion: Judas leaves and the tone changes. Maybe Jesus now felt he could speak freely, maybe now he knew things were finally set in motion: In chapter 1-12 the word **love** used 12 times, in chapter 13-21 the word **love** used 44 times. *Agapaō* is the love word used here. Jesus calls his disciples "my Children".

1. Why did Jesus wait until Judas had gone to share the message in verses 31-35?

2. What did Jesus mean with this discussion of glory, being glorified?

3. Why does Jesus use the term "my children"; aren't these grown men; haven't they been with him for three years? In what sense do you see this as a father talking to his kids?

4. What did God do through Jesus? (13:32)

5. How much longer did Jesus say He would be with His disciples? (13:33)

6. If you had been with Jesus for three years and had placed all your hopes on him, how would you respond mentally and emotionally to his statement in 13:33?

7. Why was Jesus saying farewell? (13:33)

8. What does he call the disciples to do (v. 34)?

9. What was Jesus giving to His disciples? (13:34)

10. What did Jesus command His disciples to do? (13:34)

11. In light of verse 34 how many commandments would you say there are?

12. Look at the Leviticus passage on the back - what is the difference between this passage and verse 34?

13. How did Jesus say people would know His disciples? (13:35) Why does that kind of love convince all of humanity that we are Jesus' disciples

14. How did Jesus demonstrate this love earlier in the evening? What question did Peter ask Jesus? (13:36)

15. What did Jesus tell Peter? (13:36)

16. What did Peter pledge to do? (13:37) What is ironic about Peter's conviction that he will lay down his life for his Master

17. Do you think Peter's declaration in [John 13:37](#) comes from pride or from sincerity? Explain.

18. Or does Peter's bold claim (and his actions earlier) indicate maybe he can't accept that Jesus is about to do it all for him - Peter maybe feels he has to do something?

19. What blunt statement did Jesus make about Peter? (13:38)

20. What type of person is Peter (w. 6-9,36-37)? How do you think he felt after verse 38?

[Luke 22:31-38 \(NIV\)](#) 31 "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." 33 But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." 34 Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me." 35 Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?" "Nothing," they answered. 36 He said to them, "But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. 37 It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors'; and I tell you that this

must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment." 38 The disciples said, "See, Lord, here are two swords." "That is enough," he replied.

[Leviticus 19:18 \(NIV\)](#) "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

[1 John 3:16 \(NIV\)](#) This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

[John 3:14-15 \(NIV\)](#) 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

[2 Corinthians 5:21 \(NIV\)](#) God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

[Hebrews 2:14-15 \(NIV\)](#) 14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil-- 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

[Ephesians 5:1-2 \(NIV\)](#) 1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.



REFLECTION:

1. How do your good intentions compare to Peter's?
2. On a scale from 1 to 10, how does your church rank against the standard of love? How could you increase its score?
3. How is God glorified by our behavior?
4. What does it mean for you to love people as Jesus has loved them?
5. What kind of love was Jesus talking about?
6. How is love a sign that someone is a disciple of Christ?
7. How do we deny Christ with our words or life-style?
8. When and why are we tempted to deny Jesus?
9. How does our denying Christ affect our relationship with Him as well as our relationships with other Christians?
10. How do you fall short in this area? How would you like this truth to affect your life?

11. What practical steps can you take toward cooperating with God in achieving this end?