

Life Together: Sacrificial Love

Reflect

1. What would be something that would be difficult for you to give up?
2. Name a time that you had to make a difficult decision.
3. When has someone made a sacrifice for you?

Read Your Bible

- Philippians 2:1-11
- John 15:12-14

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. What does "sacrifice" mean for Jesus?
2. When we follow Jesus what do we need to give up?
3. What does it mean to be of the same love and same mind as Jesus?

4. What stands in the way of sacrificial love in this world?

5. How would the world be changed if more people sacrificed as Jesus did?

6. What sacrifices is God calling you to make in your life?

7. How would you be changed if you gave up the things that God calls you to for the sake of others? How would your family be changed? How would the world be changed?

Conclusion

A life of faith is a life of sacrifice. Jesus did not amass wealth or power. Though He was both God and human, He did not exploit His nature. Instead, Jesus gave it all away. His very life was a sacrifice for the sins of the world. When we choose to follow Jesus, we choose to follow Him into a life of sacrificial love, giving away our time, our possessions, our wealth, and our energy for the sake of others. Being of one mind with Christ means we lay down our selfishness, our ambitions, and our vanity. It is through that kind of love, the love that comes first from Christ, that the world will be changed.

Pray

Father in heaven, the world says it's all about me, but You tell us something different. You gave Your life so that we might find ours. Help us to receive You and to know Your love that sacrifices for us. Make us of one mind with You that we may lay down selfishness and live for Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.