

WE ARE FPCM

INTRO: “By this everyone will you know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” It seems hard to find anything to add to that. It’s not a bumper sticker, cross necklace, or church affiliation that sets us apart, it is love. If we love one another, everyone will know that we are Jesus’ disciples. Doesn’t it make you sad that Jesus need to add the word “if?”

1. What are some of the top ways people would describe you?

READ John 13:31-38

1. Where else can we find this “new” command in the Bible?
2. What does it mean to love if we use Jesus as the example of how to love?
3. What does it say about the disciples’ focus that Jesus gave them the command to love others and the only response was “Why can’t we come with you?”

SERMON QUESTIONS:

1. What do you think are the top things Christians are known by?
2. How does FPC Moorestown show love?
3. Jesus’ love is self-giving and humiliating. What kind of love do you naturally show?
4. If we take Jesus’ command to heart, what might be the cost of being known by love?
5. Here is the harder question. If you’re being honest with yourself, what cost are you unwilling to pay to love one another?
6. If we are known by love, how is God glorified? Does glorifying excite you?

OUTRO: Christian denominations have become adept at enumerating their beliefs so that they can be differentiated from one another. Everything else, though, is secondary to our love revealing the love of Christ. They will know us by our love, but it is also by our love that they will know Him. By our love, we bring the Father glory. By our love, we reveal the nature of Jesus. By our love, we show the power of the Spirit. Be known first by love and let the rest sort itself out in time and relationship.

PRAY TOGETHER.

(Pray that the Spirit would transform you to love like Christ.)