

Rockford Reformed Church
John 13:31-35 - “Learning to Love Like Jesus”
3/4/18 – Pastor Tim Meendering

Questions for family/small group discussions:

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2. Brennan Manning said, *“To me, it’s more important to be loved than to love. When I have not had the experience of being loved by God, just as I am and not as I should be, then loving others becomes a duty, a responsibility, a chore. But if I let myself be loved as I am, with the love of God poured into my heart by the Holy Spirit, then I can reach out to others in a more effortless way.”* How do you struggle to be loved by God? Do you see how this struggle impacts your ability to love others?
3. We said that love is the means by which Jesus is put on display to the world. In what kind of circumstances can we most put Jesus’ love on display? How do you see that our differences, conflicts and diversity can be used by God to put his love on display?
4. Read Jeremiah 31:3-4. When we see how God is the ultimate, relentless initiator of love, how does that inform how you should love? With whom do you need to initiate and take a first step in love?
5. How does Jesus’ and our persistent love work like a mirror?
6. Read John 13:35, 17:26. With whom could you initiate or further develop a relationship this week so that Jesus’ love can be put on display through you? Who could you invite for coffee or a meal so that you can actively love and serve them?

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