Give Your Life for One Another
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16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

16 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 and sisters.

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.

2. The One Defining Word of Jesus is Love – John 4:16-19; 1 John 1:1-4

16 God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 19 We love because he first loved us.

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We write this to make our joy complete.

3. The Only Way to Love is to Abide in Him – 1 John 2:9-11; 1 John 4:7-11

9 Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. 10 Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. 11 But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

4. So We Love Everyone

Love God – Matthew 22:34-38

34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” 36 Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” 37 This is the first and greatest commandment.


39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

Love Your Enemy – Matthew 5:43-47

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Love One Another – John 13:34-35

34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
For reflection and small group discussion:

**Up**  
Read 2 Corinthians 5:20-21, and listen as your leader reviews the purpose of our gathering. Reflect on these verses which exhort us to pursue God’s purpose as we gather in our cells.

Hearing from God Together - Worship. Spend a little time listening to a song, singing together, or reading a psalm. Have you heard from God this week? Is God giving you a word to share with an individual or your cell group?

**In**  
Building Up One Another in the Word

Read and Reflect on 1 John 4:7-11. As you read,

A – Ask Questions - Read and meditate on each passage, making observations and asking questions. What is the context of the passage? What are some words and phrases that the Holy Spirit is drawing my attention to?

I – Insight - What insights do we get from the passage? Do I know what the words and phrases mean? Do I understand what the Holy Spirit is saying through these verses?

M – Make a Plan - What are some ways I can apply these verses to my spiritual life? Are there beliefs, attitudes, or practices I need to adjust to deepen my relationship with Christ?

Encourage One Another - Continue in an attitude of worship and hearing from the Father as you pray for and encourage one another. What needs do you have in your cell? How are you intentionally practicing the one-anothers when you are together as well as throughout the week?

**Reflection Questions**

1. Who would you die for in order to save their lives? Who would die for you?
2. Read John 3:16, 1 John 3:16, and John 15:12-13. What does it mean to lay down your life for someone? How do you lay down your life for those you love? Who lays down his or her life for you?
3. Read John 4:16-19 and 1 John 1:1-4. What is the opposite of love? Is it hate or fear? What is fear? What do you think about the statement that fear is always about the future? Who holds our future?
4. Read 1 John 2:9-11 and 1 John 4:7-11. Why is it impossible to love God and hate others? What does v. 11 mean, walking around in darkness?
5. Read the verses listed under So We Love Everyone. What does it mean to love God? Think of specific people who fit in the categories neighbor, enemy, and one another. What would it mean to love each of them? What would it look like?
6. Read and meditate on 1 Corinthians 13. What will your love look like this week?

If you would like to be a part of a small group, called a T-Life Cell, stop by the Information Center in the Village or contact us at TLifeCells@NorthWoodChurch.org.

**Out**  
Share the name of someone you are praying for and with whom you desire to share Jesus. Have you seen any God activity in their life since you last met? Have you been Bold as Love in serving and sharing with them? Pray as a group that God would create circumstances in the person’s life to make them open to receiving Jesus. Is any way you could show God’s love to them as a T-Life Cell? How are you serving OUT together as a T-Life Cell?