

# TAKEAWAY

## All for One

### LOVE ONE ANOTHER – 1 John

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019

#### INTRODUCTION

On Sunday, Bekah spoke about love, based on some verses in 1 John. However, it can be difficult to understand the word love. What is it really about? Our culture tends to define it as an emotion, but surely there is more to it?

#### DISCUSS

1. Consider these definitions of love:

*Love is giving someone the power to destroy you, and trusting them not to.*

*Love is the most spectacular, indescribable, deep euphoric feeling for someone.*

*Love is nature's way of tricking people into reproducing.*

*Lust is the desire for their body. Love is the desire for their soul.*

*Love is when your dog licks your face when you come home, even though you've left them alone all day.*

*Love is to give everything you have...and not expect anything in return.*

*Real love is a meeting of affection and choice.*

*Love is patient; love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful, nor conceited, nor rude; never selfish, not quick to take offence. Love keeps no score of wrongs; does not gloat over another's sins, but delights in the truth. (1 Corinthians 13!)*

Where is the truth in each of those statements? What weaknesses do you see?

2. How do you define love?

3. How much do we need to understand what love is in order to do it?

#### READ

1 John 3:16-18

1 John 4:7-12

#### DISCUSS

4. How do you know when someone loves you?

5. How do you know that God loves you?

6. Is sacrifice essential to love? Why or why not?

7. Why does God's love for us compel us to love others?

8. How do you respond when you find someone difficult to love? Is there anything you wish you did differently?

#### PRAY

For one another.

