



March 28-29th, 2020 Sermon  
**“By This We Know Love”**

1 John 3:16-18

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1 John 3:11-16 (ESV)

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

- 1) John says that we know love because Christ “laid down his life for us.” What words would you use to describe that act? Which of these words are most meaningful to you and why?
- 2) John’s call is that we lay down our lives for others. What does that look like for you? (Try to be as specific as possible) What would “laying down your life” cost you that you’d rather not surrender?
- 3) What is John’s test of abiding love in verse 17? Does that challenge you? Why or why not?
- 4) John calls us to love in word and deed. What’s one tangible way that we can lay down our lives for others this week? Try to be as specific as possible here.
- 5) Do Jesus’ commands in this passage feel like a burden or an invitation? Why? What do you need from this group in the season ahead? How can we walk together?