



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Easter Hope Lives through Love May 8-10, 2021

John 15:9-17

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 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. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

1. Did you do anything for/with your mother on Mothers' Day?
2. What trait do you most admire about your mother?
3. What similarities do you see between God's love for you and your mother's love for you?

4. What differences do you see between God's love for you and your mother's love for you?
5. In v. 9, why does Jesus draw a distinction between his love for us, and our remaining in his love?
6. Is God's love for us dependent upon us keeping God's commands? (cf. v. 10)
7. Agree/disagree: The fear of losing God's love should motivate the Christian to keep God's commandments.
8. "Love each other as I have loved you." Is this law or gospel?
9. In what way(s) have you failed to love others as Jesus loved you?
10. "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last." (v. 16) What comfort and what challenge do you find in these words?
11. How can Jesus promise, "the Father will give you whatever you ask"? Isn't that promise too open-ended?