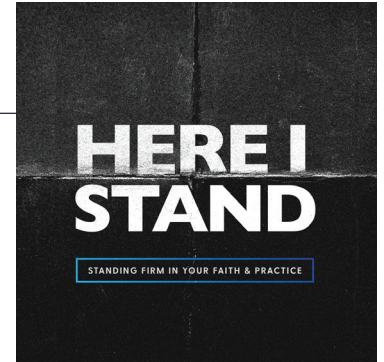


MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

HERE I STAND // SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020



Senior Pastor Marty Grubbs continued this series with a powerful message asking, and answering, what does God's love for me require of me? Looking at the story in John 13—where Jesus washed the disciples' feet before the supper that would become known as his last on earth—Jesus embodied love and demonstrated it in humble acts of service in the name of love. He taught his followers to love others in the same way.

"Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him...

After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them...

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." – John 13:3-5, 12-17, 34-35 NLT

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION

1. What is something that stood out from the message today?
2. Read the passage above from John 13. How is love displayed and portrayed by Jesus, in both word and deed?
3. What character traits does this type of holy love require?
4. What are some practical ways we can love others, as Jesus loved us?
5. Have there been situations where you have been loved this way by someone else? How did this act draw you closer to the person and to God?
6. What does God's love for you require of you?
7. How can we pray for you?

PRAYER

Pray that God will give you a fresh understanding of the love he has for you. Let go of any lies you carry that God is angry with you. If you are far from God, ask him to reveal what is causing the break in your relationship—pride, selfishness, certain habits, denying God's place in your life—and then ask him to forgive you and set out to do differently. Ask God to show you those who need to have their feet washed, those who need to know his love through a humble act of love by you, and then ask him to to give you the humility, and the power to love them.