**Sermon Notes**

**Living in Community**

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**1 John 2:3-11**

**Listen to God and Do What He Says.**

*We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.*

1 John 2:3

**What does it mean to “Know” God?**

Not just intellectual knowledge of facts.

It is also Experiential and Dynamic.

Keeping the commandments is “not a condition” of knowing God “but a sign” that one does know God.

**Jeremiah 24:7**

*I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.*

**What are His Commands?**

Matthew 22:34-38

John 14:23

Matthew 22:39-40

Matthew 6:43-48

**1 John 2:4-6**

You show your knowledge of God by your response to His commands.

If you say you Know God, and do not do what he says, you are a liar.

Our Love for God is Completed by our Obedience.

Here is the Test: Live Like Jesus.

**The Big question is: “How did Jesus Live?”**

**Love Your Brothers** 1 John 2:7-11

The Answer to the Big question:

How did Jesus Live? He lived a life of Love.

**What are the New Commandments?**

**John 13:34**

A Command.

An Example.

A Testimony.

**What does that look like in Practice?**

1 Cor. 13:4-8a *4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.8 Love never fails.*

1 Cor. 13:13

**How do we do that?**

***You*** cannot do it.

1. You must die. Gal. 2:20

2. You must be transformed. Rom.12:1-2a

3. Remember:

 Developing a heart that Loves is not an event.

 It is a process.

Ezekiel 36:26-27

Begins at Salvation.

Continues throughout Life.

Culminates at our entrance to Heaven.

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Ezekiel 36:26-27

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