

## LIFE GROUP STUDY – 28 JULY 2024

**Warm-up:** C S Lewis wrote a book about the 4 Greek words for love (Storge- affection, Philia – deep friendship love, Eros - sexual love and Agape – the love of God). Think of examples of how people use the word ‘love’ today? Which of the above types of love do they use the most?

### **Read: John 13:34-35 - Be love**

1. What would the disciples have thought of when Jesus mentioned a new command (or commandment)? What did Jesus say was the greatest of these previous commandments? (Matt 24:36-37).
2. Imagine the context for these words of Jesus – the Last Supper. What else had happened during that meal? Why would that have added weight to what Jesus said?
3. How had Jesus illustrated love and why would this have been challenging for the disciples (John 13:1-5)?
4. Jesus was giving a new command (commandment). Why was a new command needed?
5. What would be the outcome of Christians living out this new command (v35)? How did the early church illustrate this new way of living (Acts 2:44-47)?
6. Pastor Ian said that we can only give love if we experience love. How can we find this love to give to people (John 15:4-5)?
7. How can you ‘Be Love’ this week? How can you show love practically and to whom? Share this with others next week.