

Five Marks of a Meaningful Life

John 15:12-17*

The word *love* is used nine times in vv. 1-17. The Greek word translated love here is *agape*; which means that kind of love which does not seek its own. *Agape* is not born of in our own need, nor does it have its source in the love object. *Agape* doesn't exist to get what it wants but empties itself to give what the other needs. Its motives rise wholly from within its own nature. *Agape* lives to die to self for the blessedness of caring for another, spending for another, spending itself for the sake of the beloved. And that is what Jesus has done for you and me. So, do you want to know if you are an abiding type of follower of Christ? Do you want to know if you are living a productive meaningful, significant life? Examine your attitude to other believers.

Review: Bedrock of a meaningful life (1-11)

#1. Love is S _____ (12-13)

#2. Love is O _____ (14, 17)

#3. Love always communicates T _____ (15)

#4. Love takes the I _____ (16a)

#5. Love will produce fruit that will R _____ (16b)

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