

SERMON NOTES

4th Sunday of Easter, Year B * April 25, 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Acts 4:5-12 * Psalm 23 * 1 John 3:16-24 * John 10:11-18

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1 John 3:16-18

¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd, and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. John 10:14 & 16

And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

Next Week's Lessons

Acts 8:26-40 * Psalm 22:22-30 * 1 John 4:7-21 * John 15:1-8

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, a friend, or Home Group.

1. Who, outside your immediate family, is the most loving person you know? What makes or made them so loving?
2. Who in your life – other than Jesus – has laid down their life for you by sharing with you a significant amount of time, energy, or resources? What did they do? And how has that affected you?
3. With whom in your past have you shared a significant amount of time, energy, or resources? What did you do?
4. For whom are you laying down your life currently? What are you doing? If you are not currently serving anyone other than yourself, whom could you serve? How? And when could you start?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for the people who have laid down their lives for you.
 - ✦ For grace and opportunities to serve that person you mentioned in #4 above.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.