



March 20 Sermon Notes

Message discussion: What stood out to you in this week's message? Questions? A way God moved you to respond?

Passage reflection: Read Colossians 1:1-8; John 13:34-35 . What stands out to you in these verses? Is there something you hear God saying to you? How can you respond to what He is saying?

1. Read Colossians 1:1-8 and John 13:34-35. Paul comments on the Colossian's love for each other twice in his opening words. They had a reputation for love! How would our love for each other need to be remarkably different in order for it to be noticeable to the greater Smokey Point community?

2. Divisiveness and polarity are characteristic of today's culture. The Colossians loved each other so well, "because of the hope laid up for you in heaven" (verse 5). What is it about having a future hope in heaven that causes us to have remarkable love here on earth?

3. Read Ephesians 4:1-6. Describe a current topic you feel strongly about that some Christians see differently. Do you feel genuine unity and peace with them despite your strong opinion? Why or why not?

4. Read Romans 12:9-10 and 1 John 3:15-18. Sadly, during Covid, many Christian churches have become known for what they stand against, rather than for the remarkable way they love each other. Describe one thing you can do this year to help SPCC build a church known in our community for its family love.