



**Hill Cliffe Study Guide  
Pulling Together  
#3 Loving Together  
Sunday 7 July 2024**

1. What impacted you most from the Sermon on Sunday?

**Please read 1 John 4.16; John 13.34-35; John 15.9-12; 1 Corinthians 13. 4-8**

*Each of these passages describe God's special agape love – which is the character of God and is seen demonstrated in the love (agape) of Jesus.*

2. In the Gospels, how do we see the agape love of Jesus demonstrated towards his disciples and towards others?
3. How is agape love different to the other kinds of love – affection (Storge); or friendship (Philia); or romantic love (Eros)?
4. How do you feel as a disciple of Jesus about being commanded by Jesus to love one-another, and others, like Jesus loves you?

**Please read 1 John 3.1; Ephesians 3.17-19; Ephesians 5.1-2**

*The apostles John and Paul were captivated by the love of God, and taught about it, and prayed for it for the believers – that they might grow in the knowledge and practice of the agape love of God.*

5. Do you feel like you are growing in your understanding and practice of the agape love of God?
6. We are called to Pray for this love for ourselves and for others; to Practice this love with those around us; and to Persevere in this love – take some time to pray for one another inspired by Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3.17-19

*In Romans 12 Paul teaches about how agape love is to be practiced in the local church.*

**Please read Romans 12.9-19**

7. Which aspects of practicing agape love in our own church community at Hill Cliffe do you find most challenging?
8. Read aloud **1 John 4.7-21**, and pray for our church family – that we will pull together in the agape love of God