

Meditations through Lent.

Week 7 I want to know what love is...

Read John 15:1 - 4

What do you know about vines and vineyards in the Bible?

Check **Psalm 80**.

Also look at **Isaiah 5:1-7**

Do you think this is a fitting description?

What sort of horticultural expression could you use for the church in Ireland?
Or our congregation?

Vs 2 Can be quite confusing. What's the difference between cuts off and prune?

Vs 3 is a reminder of the washing of the feet. Take that picture into v4... who had their feet washed but it no longer present? Who has not remained?

This verse is directed to the remaining disciples, but how can we read this for modern Christian thought about an 'individual faith'?

Read vs 5 - 8

What do you notice of a definitive nature in these verses?

Vs 7 has an extravagant claim, but what is the conditional aspect of this statement?

From verse 1 - 8 there is a growth pattern. What is it?

How can we apply this to our lives today?

Read vs 9 - 17

Are marriage vows important anymore? Surely if you 'love' one another that's enough...?

Do these verses have anything to say about that?

Re-read vs 12 - 15

What scares you? What encourages you?

What does vs 16 tell us about our position before God?

And what about our responsibility?

Which of the 'loves' is Jesus talking about here?

Eros - Philia - Agape - Storge

We are about to commemorate Love shown to all mankind, but more importantly, love shown to you.