



# BROKEN SIGNPOSTS

**Sermon-based Guide  
for Reflection and Discussion**

## Week of October 17

**Scripture:** John 10:14-15, 27-30

**Sermon Title:** *Broken Signposts: Love*

### Summary:

- We have an intrinsic need to love and be loved
- That desire to live in relationships of love is a direct reflection of how we are created in the image of the Triune God
- Human beings have often traded real love for security and wealth and privilege and power
- Jesus trades security, privilege, and power as a sacrificial offering of love
- Christ's love and sacrifice brings us into the circle of God's love and allows us to love one another
- The coming together of love and sacrifice propels Christians to love the same way

We are tempted by the Faustian bargain of attaining everything in the world at the sacrifice of love.

In John's Gospel we sense an even more remarkable possibility: that even God himself, in an important sense, exists 'in relationship' – that love is not just something that God *does*, but the very heart of what God *is*.

"Having loved his dear companions, he [Jesus] continued to love them right to the end." - John 13:1

John is totally clear that this love, embodied and dramatically lived out by Jesus himself in his utter seriousness and light-touch playfulness, comes to us through, and only through, the victory won on the cross over the dark distortions. It comes to us as part of a new creation.

### Questions:

1. In your group, come up with a definition of "love."
2. John 13:1 says, "Having loved his dear companions, he [Jesus] continued to love them right to the end."  
The Greek for "to the end" is *eis telos*. Which means, roughly, "to the completion of the goal."  
Can you think of a situation or a person where the goal of love was completed?
3. Does love need to be sacrificial? Is that intrinsic to "real love"? Why?