



December 13th
One Gift For Christmas
“Expensive Gift”

Big Idea: A Grace Covered Forgiven Person Must Extend That Gift to Non Accepting Ungrateful People.

Open it: What are some the favorite gifts you have received for Christmas? What are some of the gifts you have received that were not your favorite? Can you think of a gift you gave someone that you could tell was not a good choice?

Last week we talked about the Missing Ingredient. The one thing that changes everything, Grace! This gift in Christ is the essence of Christmas. This is truly Great News! The question we are left with is this. What are we to do with this Gift? What are we to do with those who are ungrateful and unforgivable? Jesus calls us to not hold the gift but to extend the gift. We will learn today that the gift this Christmas that is the most expensive to give is the gift of grace to undeserving people.

Dig it: Read John 13

1. If you look at the scene in this chapter and what Jesus did, how does that add to the power of his challenge in verses 34-35?
2. How deserving were the disciples of His washing their feet?
3. Think of some of those gathered, what specific things have or will do against Jesus?
4. When Jesus says, “As I have loved you” in verse 34 what are the characteristics of that “love?”
5. Who do you know that deserves the Love of Jesus? Who then specifically are we called to love?
6. He also says that we will be known by this demonstration of love. We are sometimes guilty of thinking this verse is challenging the church to love each other in the church. How is this an incomplete picture of the teaching?

Reflect on it:

1. The title of the lesson this week is “Expensive Gift” What is expensive about extending love to the unlovable?
2. When we do choose to love those that hurt us it can be agonizing. How is that like grace?
3. Who in your world needs your undeserved love? Talk about how difficult that will be?
4. In the lesson this week we talked about how when you see this kind of grace it changes you, it is surprising. When have you witnessed remarkable grace?

Do it:

1. How can you extend that gift this Christmas Season?
2. How can this group encourage you to do this? Pray that our church will be known by the words in John 13:35.

