***JON’S SERMON OUTLINE….***

WHERE’S THE LOVE?

*By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.*1 John 3:16-18

Introduction: Peter had denied Jesus three times. If the guilt wasn’t enough, Jesus came to him asking, “Peter, do you love me?” Peter needed to dust himself off and get back to loving God. Jesus defined love as service when he told Peter, “Feed My lambs” and “Tend My sheep”. What does your love for God look like? Could Jesus look at your life and ask you, “Where’s the love?” Since love is the greatest commandment, it’s a question that deserves asking. So, let’s ask it today.

1. LOVE IS SHOWN BY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 3:16).

 a. Jesus laid down His life for us.

 b. We must give our lives for others.

2. LOVE IS SHOWN BY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 3:17).

 a. We must give of our material blessings.

 b. We need to have compassion on others.

3. LOVE IS SHOWN BY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 3:18).

 a. Feelings and words are not enough.

 b. Love is expressed in acts of kindness.

CONCLUSION: Can God see your love?

Answers: 1. Sacrifice 2. Giving 3. Actions