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1 John 3:16-18

## Laying Down Our Lives

ECCLESIOLOGY = “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” or “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”  
of those who have placed saving faith in Jesus Christ.

**The Church is to be characterized as  
those who \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ !**

What does it mean to lay down our lives?

Laying down our lives means sacrificing our

\_\_\_\_\_ (vs 17)

Laying down our lives means

\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of others (vs 17)

Laying down our lives means displaying

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ something (vs 18)

Laying down our lives means God’s love is

\_\_\_\_\_ manifested in our lives (vs 18)

1 Timothy 6:17-19

2 Corinthians 8:9

When you think about how much Jesus laid down His life for you,  
would you say you’re doing a good job of following His example?

# TIP Sheet (Take It Personal)

Use the questions below to aid in making personal application of your study in the Word.

1. Would others say that you are characterized by laying your life down for others?  
What are some practical examples of ways that you lay down your life for others?  
  
What examples within Grace Church have you witnessed recently when someone laid down their life for another?
2. Would you say that the Church in general is characterized by laying down their lives for others?  
What is it that prevents laying down our lives from being a primary characteristic of the church?
3. What are some of the “world’s goods” that are hard to “look at” but “not touch” in your own life? Read: 1 John 2:15-17.  
  
What should be our attitude toward the things of this world?
4. What are some of the “world’s goods” in your life that you could eliminate in order to lay down your life from someone in need?
5. What are some of the needs that you observe in your family?  
Within Grace Church? Within our community?  
Within our nation? Throughout the world?

6. Is there a particular need that God has laid on your heart that you feel He wants you to lay down your life for?
7. **READ: James 2:14-17.**  
What is the relationship between works and faith in a believer’s life?  
  
If we see someone who is in need and do nothing what does that say about our faith?
8. Is there something God has been prompting you to do to meet the need of another that you have been neglecting or putting off?  
  
Is there a need in someone’s life that you are aware of that you sense God prompting you to do something about?  
  
As a small group, is there a need that you are aware of that you could do something about together?
9. **READ: 1 John 3:17.**  
What does John say we must ask ourselves if we are not characterized by laying down our lives?  
  
What can we assume if all we ever do is “talk” about laying down our lives?
10. **READ: 1 Timothy 6:6-8, 17-19.**  
What are those of us who are Christians AND rich in this present age to be doing with our abundance?  
**READ: 2 Corinthians 8:9**  
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