



# MESSAGE NOTES

AT THE LOOP



## REAL LIFE: LOVE AND SACRIFICE

Dec 4, 2011 • Pastor Gregg Matte • John 15:12-17

► **Deep love is shown in deep sacrifice.**

*Romans 5:8; Romans 13:10; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8*

► **We move from servant to friend; private to pal.**

*Isaiah 41:8-10; Exodus 33:11; Romans 1:1; 2 Corinthians 4:5; Galatians 1:10*

- Servant – receives assignment then performs action
- Friend – love then action

► **Love and friendship leave a lasting legacy.**

*Ephesians 1:15-16; 1 Thessalonians 1:3*

**For further reflection and discussion:**

- How can you sacrifice to show your love for someone this Christmas?
- Discuss the importance of becoming a friend of God.
- What's the difference between a servant and a friend?
- What do you hope your lasting legacy will be?

**MEMORIZE** John 14:27

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# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY MINISTRY TEAM

#### First Kids

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### HEARTLAND VOLUNTEERS

#### Preschool & Kindergarten

[Erin.Ruddle@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Erin.Ruddle@HoustonsFirst.org)

### ESL COMPUTER LITERACY CLASS

#### The Faith Center

[jeffh@att.net](mailto:jeffh@att.net)

### LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION TEAM

#### Adult Enrichment

[msteen@fulbright.com](mailto:msteen@fulbright.com)

### SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM

#### Men's Ministry

[Eric.Reed@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Eric.Reed@HoustonsFirst.org)

### ENRICHMENT TEAM

#### Married Young Adults

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### HOMEBOUND CARE TEAM

#### Pastoral Care

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### ENCOURAGERS: VOLUNTEERS FOR H.O.P.E.

#### Counseling Center

[Fay.Suitor@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Fay.Suitor@HoustonsFirst.org)

### WEIGHT ROOM HOST

#### Fitness & Recreation

[Debbie.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Debbie.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org)

### CONNECTION CENTER TEAM

#### Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

[Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org)

## SYMPATHIES

- Teena Haines in the death of her husband, Stacy Haines; Children: Kara, Mollie, and Dylan Haines
- Family and Friends in the death of Nyle Terry

## DECISIONS NOV 27, 2011

### For Baptism

Kyle Bruegger  
Rhianna Bruegger  
Brenda Franco

### Baptized

John Ledford  
Ritsuko Ledford  
Ian Palmer

### By Statement

Mary Mitro

### From Other Fellowships

Chester Hahn  
Jessica Hahn  
Hannah Matthews

## ATTENDANCE NOV 27, 2011

There were no Life Bible Studies on Sun, Nov 27.

## GIVING — WEEK ENDING NOV 27, 2011

<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	\$225,401
Weekly Requirements	\$335,755
Over/(Under)	(\$110,354)
Designated Gifts	\$25,134
Over/(Under) for Nov	(\$16,237)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$285,052)
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	
Donations Received	\$3,111
Total Received	\$26,263,316

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