Sixth Sunday of Easter

'Love as Jesus loved'

Jesus knew he would soon die and rise to new life – this was a sign of his love for everyone. He also knew his disciples would not understand the things that would happen, so he told them how much he loved them and asked them to share this love with others.



GOSPEL John 15:9-14

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have loved you, just as my Father has loved me. So make sure that I keep on loving you. If you obey me, I will keep loving you, just as my Father keeps loving me, because I have obeyed him.

"I have told you this to make you as completely happy as I am. Now I tell you to love each other, as I have loved you. The greatest way to show love for friends is to die for them. And you are my friends, if you obey me."

What did you hear?

1. Write down one word, one phrase and one reflection from the Gospel and fill in the following table.

Word	Phrase	Reflection
		To me, this Gospel means

Reflect on the following questions with a buddy

The Gospel of John has many powerful phrases about the selfless love we are asked to have for each other, the one that urges us to love as Jesus loved stands out as the most powerful.

- 2. How did Jesus love? How does his life show how he loved? (i.e. what sorts of things have we seen Jesus do and what traits/values did he display throughout his life)
- 3. Considering your answers to the above question, is this how you treat other people? Or is it just how we treat the people we like?

Resource: <u>Auckland Catholic</u>