From the Heart Romans 12:9-13 25 October 2020

- 1. Our love for God and others should not be ______.
 - a. There are two signs that your love for God and others is sincere.
 - b. You will Hate what is ______.
 - c. You will Cling to what is _____.
- 2. We need to ______ that which would stand in the way of our truly loving one another.
- 3. _____ in your service to the Lord.
 - a. Don't let the ______.
- ______ for the needs that God brings across your path.

Questions for Thought and Discussion

1. Can love be fake or pretend? Think of some examples of this kind of love. Why would someone want to display "love" in this way?

2. What guidelines does Paul give in v. 9 for discerning if love is sincere?

3. Using the four verses from this week's text (Romans 12:9-13), list ways to put love into action. Select one or two ways to put love into action (from your list) and pray, asking God to give you opportunities to work on it this week.

4. There are various methods to cause someone to follow them and obey their commands (force, punishment, payment, bribery, anger, manipulation, rules, sincere love, etc.). Which does Paul recommend in this passage? Which of these will develop the strongest bond and affection between the greater power and the lesser one? Why? Which does God use?