

## **A Church Shaped By Love - The Shape Of Love**

Romans 12:9-21

### **Love must be sincere**

The confusion of law... what is it for?

The context: in view of God's mercy (the grace he has already shown us)...

### **Sincere Love is zealous to serve (verse 11-12)**

The gospel imperative is to serve freely and abundantly (Mark 10:35-45, John 13:1-17, Mark 12:28-34)...

...and a lack of service may suggest a lack of love (James 2:14-16; John 13:35)

### **Sincere Love is concerned for others (verse 10, 13-14)**

A community both fiercely loyal, and determinedly welcoming.

### **Sincere Love seeks peace (verse 17-21)**

Doing what is right

Setting aside our own rights for the sake of others (1 Cor 6:7-8)

Not being limited to those we already know (Luke 14:12-14)