**John 13:31-35 – 2024 Half-time review**

**(Welcoming, Encouraging, Being, Sharing, Growing)**

**NMBC 21.7.24.**

**Key ideas:**

* As followers of Jesus, we are called to love one another and for this lifestyle of love to be a witness to the watching world.
* Love can be expressed through Welcoming, Encouraging, Being, Sharing and Growing.
* As a church, we have seen many encouraging examples of these ideas being lived out amongst us, but God has more for us in each of these areas, providing we are willing to seek him and to obey him in the things he tells us and shows us.

**Key verse(s) – John 13:34-35…**

**34**‘A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **35**By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.’

**Important words and phrases**

* Welcoming
* Encouraging
* Being
* Sharing
* Growing

**Questions for reflection/discussion/action:**

1. Which of these five words resonates most strongly with you for you personally/for us as a church?
2. What examples have you seen of these qualities either in church life, or outside?
3. How might God be calling you to respond in any of these areas?
4. Are there any other words/ideas/pictures that God has put on your heart as far as our collective ministry together, or your own personal walk with Jesus, is concerned?