

1. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7. Understanding that these verses are the heart of a rebuke that begins in chapter 12 and goes through chapter 14, what is Paul rebuking the Corinthian church for?
2. How can Paul say that Christians can use their spiritual gifts in the church and still be spiritual “nothings.”?
3. Explain the assertion: What I do reveals who I love. Give some examples of what this looks like in your life.
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. What is Paul comparing and contrasting in these verses? How does this connect with his rebuke of the Corinthian church? How does this apply to our relationships, particularly marriage?
5. Discuss why “self-love” looks externally for change. Who are people you believe need to change to make your life better?
6. Why does self-love lead to impatience? What is the primary focus of self-loving people?
7. Why do self-loving people believe “they deserve” to be served? When do you feel like you deserve other people to serve you?
8. Paul’s word “rude” means *to do what I do without caring about how it affects you*. When do you feel like it’s OK to be rude?
9. Why do self-loving people “keep score”? What does that do for them? Why is score keeping so destructive?
10. Explain how Jesus is the ultimate expression of God’s love, and the opposite of the specific ways Paul describes self-love.
11. How would it change your marriage, or any other key relationship in your life, if you lived believing that everything you do is a response to Jesus? What would change about you if you decided to love God most... even more than yourself?