

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 New Living Translation

4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud **5** or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. **6** It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. **7** Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Discussion/Journal Questions

What are some of your all-time favorite movies?

What is it about stories that people find so compelling?

Forrest Gump is about relationships. What are some of the key relationships in Forrest Gump's life that we looked at in the sermon on Sunday? What impact did Gump have on each one?

In the sermon, John said, "God designed relationship to be the environment in which we are challenged to grow the most." What relationships have God used to challenge and grow you the most? How?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. How does this description of love compare or contrast to the world's view of love?

"Love never giving up means that we need to do the hard work of forgiveness and reconciliation." How do you define forgiveness? Is it something you do easily? Why or why not?

"Hope becomes reality when it's tied to the person of Jesus." Do your friends or family members see Jesus in you? If not, what do they see?

What are some practical ways you can show the love of Jesus to your family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers this week? How can you group hold you accountable?

Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?

Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?

Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?