



## *Loving Others – Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>*

### **SCRIPTURE:**

John 13:34-35

*<sup>34</sup> “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

*<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

Galatians 5:6

*For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.*

Ephesians 4:15

*...speaking the truth in love.*

Proverbs 27:6

*<sup>6</sup> Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy.*

Galatians 6:1-2

*<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

James 5:16

*<sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.*

### **Sermon Quotes:**

*“Beginning with the first day of life outside the womb, every child is asking two core questions: 'Am I loved?' and 'Can I get my own way?' These two questions mark us throughout life, and the answers we receive set the course for how we live.”*

- Dan Allender

## Sermon Points:

### ***5 Questions Asked During Band Meetings***

- 1. What known sins have you committed since our last meeting?*
- 2. What temptations have you met with?*
- 3. How were you delivered?*
- 4. What have you thought, said, or done, of which you doubt whether it be sin or not?*
- 5. Have you nothing you desire to keep secret?*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Ask your kids or a kid the question, "What is love?" Share the answer(s) with your Group. Which definition did you like best and why?
2. Who is the hardest person for you to love and why?
3. In what ways has our culture watered down what love really is?
4. How are people's actions different when love is the motivation? (See 1 Corinthians 13:1-3)
5. Who is the person in your life who loves you enough to tell you the truth?
6. Have you ever been in a Group that was like the "Band" John talked about this morning? If yes, then what impact did that Group or "Band" have on your life?
7. What is one thing God spoke to your heart today? What is God calling you to do in response to what you heard?
  - Action Steps: Step up and serve as the Apprentice for your Group and commit to starting a NEW Group at GroupLink in January and/or start a "Band" with 3-5 other men or women and begin meeting weekly to discuss the 5 questions.
  - If you need help figuring out your "next steps," including finding a counselor or a Small Group connection, then email [connect@covechurch.com](mailto:connect@covechurch.com).