



Small Group Study Questions

Week 4 - Sermon on March 26th, 2023

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8 (NASB)

31 But earnestly desire the greater gifts.

And yet, I *am going to* show you a far better way.

13 If I speak with the tongues of mankind and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** If I have *the gift of* prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. **3** And if I give away all my possessions *to charity*, and if I surrender my body so that I may glory, but do not have love, it does me no good.

4 Love is patient, love is kind, it is not jealous; love does not brag, it is not arrogant. **5** It does not act disgracefully, it does not seek its own *benefit*; it is not provoked, does not keep an account of a wrong *suffered*, **6** it does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; **7** it keeps every confidence, it believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never fails; but if *there are gifts of* prophecy, they will be done away with; if *there are* tongues, they will cease; if *there is* knowledge, it will be done away with.

1 Corinthians 13:13 (NASB)

13 But now faith, hope, *and* love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 16:14 (NASB)

14 All that you do must be done in love.

Where have you felt the most love in your life? Tell us about it.

Have you ever had someone do something for you, but you knew they weren't doing it out of love? Tell us about it.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:3

While the topic of spiritual gifts can be controversial and divisive, there are parts of the topic that can bring unity. What are the unifying features of spiritual gifts? What's the purpose of spiritual gifts?

What is Paul's argument in these verses?

Where and how have you seen love displayed recently?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Which of these descriptions of love do you struggle with the most?

Which of these descriptions is most important to you?

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Verse 8 is the summary of this whole section. How could this encourage our group?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:13

How is love greater than faith and hope? Where do faith and hope fail?

Read 1 Corinthians 16:14

What is one way you can love those around you? How can this group help?

TAKING IT HOME

PRAYER REQUEST

