

Countercultural: A Study of 1 Corinthians

Where Is the Love?

- 1. Icebreaker: What is a food that you love? What is a movie that you love? What is a place you love to visit?
- 2. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.
 - a. What are some things the modern churches sometimes focus on that can be a turn off to visitors or the communities they are supposed to be serving?
 - b. What might it look like if the things we do in church (teaching, worship, community groups, and such) are driven by something other than love?
- 3. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 1 John 4:7-12, and John 13:34-35.
 - a. Take a moment to read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 silently to yourself, then re-read it and substitute "Jesus" in for "love", and lastly, substitute your name in the place. After a moment, share with your group areas where you struggle.
 - b. Based on the passages in 1 John and the Gospel of John, what will be a sign to the community around us that we are Jesus followers? Is the church in America, today, good at this? If not, how do we get better at it?
- Read 1 Corinthians 13:8-12.
 - a. Spiritual formation is a process. We mature as we walk with Christ. What is a way that you have matured in your thinking or actions as a Jesus Follower.
 - b. Remember that mirrors during Paul's time didn't give clear images, but you could still capture a glimpse of a reflection. Can you describe a time in which the Spirit revealed something to you that you'd not noticed before?
 - c. If you could have a better understanding of something spiritual today or could ask Jesus a question, what would it be?

Next Week: 1 Corinthians 14:1-40





