

Home Improvements: Love Never Gives Up

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Scriptures: 1 Cor. 13:4-5; 1 John 4; Romans 12:19-21; 1 Peter 4:8

Bottom Line: Love never gives up on you

“Love each other, just as I have loved you.” - Jesus

Love Never Gives Up (Bears All Things, Always Protects)

- Love doesn't nitpick
- Love doesn't criticize in public
- Love is willing to forgive and let go

Love Never Loses Faith (Believes All Things, Believes the Best)

- Our family will live up to what we believe them to be
- Love gives the next generation something to believe in, aim for

Love Is Always Hopeful (Always Trusts)

- Love asks God to do the impossible

Love Endures Through Every Circumstance (Always Perseveres)

- Love risks the fear of rejection

Jesus never gives up on you. Let His love be your guide.

LISTENING

Have someone in your group share something about their week. They could answer one of the following questions:

- What was a big challenge or problem you faced this week? How did you handle it?
- Where did you experience God this week? Or where do you wish you had experienced God this week?
- Based on your life experience this week, what do you think God is trying to teach you right now? What is He trying to build in you?

After the person shares, the group can respond. Make sure you let them know you heard them: tell them what you heard, offer wise advice where it's asked for, share from your own experience as well.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review Sunday's message. What stood out to you? What challenged you? Are there any lingering questions?
2. "When you really believe the gospel, you see that you are first a sinner and only secondarily sinned against. If you haven't tasted grace, you won't extend grace to each other."
 - a. How might the Gospel change your disposition to those in your family or the people you are close to?
3. When does our woundedness hold us back from loving others?
4. When do you feel like giving up on loving others? How could you encourage each other in your group to persevere in love?