

**WELCOME:**

Take a few minutes as people to come in to hear how their week went.

**VIDEO:**

Take a few minutes to review the video and Life Group Guide before your group meets. It will help you to feel prepared for your time with your group. It can also help you prepare for the things you would like to share.

Show the video to your Life Group.

**SCRIPTURE:**

Have everyone read the two passages for this week. 1 Corinthians 13: 8-13.

- After reading the passages, provide a couple of minutes for people to think about the passage.
- Encourage them focus their thoughts on what questions come to their minds when they read this?
- What feelings do they have when they read these passages? What do they think this passage is trying to explain to us?

**1 Corinthians 13:** <sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

**QUESTION:**

The first statement in the verses you read says that love never fails. Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?

**QUESTION:**

Have you ever thought you loved someone and came to realize that you didn't?

- Have you ever loved someone that didn't love you back?
- Do you see this as an example of love failing?

**OBSERVATION:**

These verses also tell us that many things fade or fail. Prophecies may cease. Tongues may be stilled. Knowledge may be forgotten.

- These verses also tell us that we can function without knowing everything or having everything.

**QUESTION:**

Do you have an example or a story where you had to do the best you could - even though you felt like you didn't have all the information you needed?

- Was that scary, or exciting, or both?
- Why were you able to keep moving forward in spite of the fact that there were pieces of information missing?
- What kind of lessons did you learn from that experience?
- How did your faith help you get through that season

**OBSERVATION:**

These verses identify that growing to maturity helps us put away some of our childish approaches to life.

- God is intent on helping us mature. Sometimes that means that He does not give us what we want. Maybe our desire is not a healthy option. Maybe we wouldn't be able to manage in a healthy way the very thing we desire and ask God for.
- These moments of unanswered prayer are opportunities to trust.

**QUESTION:**

Do you have an example or a story of a way that you trusted God?

- Do you feel vulnerable or strong when you trust?
- What do you do when you discover a person is not trustworthy?

**OBSERVATION:**

There is no way to build trust without uncertainty.

- Faith is required only when we have doubts, when we do not know for sure.
- That kind of faith pleases God. When you think of it, that kind of faith pleases anyone. Try making a friend without having faith. Try getting married without faith. Try raising a child without learning about trust.

**OBSERVATION:**

Uncertainty reminds us that we are not God. That can be humbling.

- There is a strong temptation to be harsh to others when we believe we are absolutely certain.
- Humble people are better friends.

**QUESTION:**

Why do you think it is easier to learn more about God and about yourself when you are humble?

**QUESTION:**

In what ways does temptation make you uncertain?

- We can be tempted to give up. We can be tempted to take a shortcut. We can be tempted to break a healthy pattern in order to get something we desire.
- What are some ways you could learn to trust in the face of temptation?

**OBSERVATION:**

Scripture reveals that God is for us - not against us. When we are facing difficult seasons we can become uncertain of that truth.

- That moment of uncertainty could be the very moment that you decide to trust that God is for you.

**QUESTION:**

If you decided to trust that God is for you when you are feeling anxious - what might that look like?

- If you decided to trust that God is for you when you are tempted - what might that look like?
- If you decided to trust that God is for you when you are exhausted - what might that look like?

**OBSERVATION:**

Trust is better than certainty because there can be no intimacy without trust.

- God desires a close relationship with us. That will require us to trust Him.

**QUESTION:**

Have you noticed any ways that God has shown His trust in you? What opportunities has he opened for you? What responsibilities has He assigned to you?

- Have you ever thought about the fact that God trusts you?

**PRAYER:**

- This would be a great time for those who are struggling with uncertainty in some area of their life to ask for prayer.
- Our willingness to open the challenging parts of our lives to our Life Group Members is an exercise in trust - and it can help our relationships grow closer and deeper.