

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS
Week of January 17, 2021
THE WAY OF LOVE: "The Greatness of Love"
1 Corinthians 13:1-3

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ANCC

1. **ENCOUNTER CHURCH:** Our new church name is ENCOUNTER CHURCH! We hope to be a church where people meet and experience God and, through that *encounter* with God, people are transformed to be disciples who love Jesus, live like Jesus, and lead others to Jesus. While we work on rebranding for the next few months, we will still go by ANCC until further notice.
2. **BIBLE STUDIES:** ANCC is offering two amazing classes this winter: (1) "History of Christianity" and (2) "LGBTQ and the Christian Faith." Space is filling up so register asap!

CENTRAL TRUTH: Everything is nothing without love.

GETTING STARTED

1. **SOAP TIME:** Share your most meaningful SOAP entry from this past week in which God spoke deeply into your heart. (One or two people share)
2. What is your favorite love song or love story (book or movie) of all time?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. What is your definition of love? What is it? What is it not?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 and the quote below from the Sunday sermon.

Love is so great that, without it, your great abilities, your great powers, and even your great works of charity and self-sacrifice net you nothing before God. Why? Because everything is nothing without love. A life of faith that has all of the religious trappings but has abandoned the spiritual fruit of love is nothing.

- a. How do the verses and the quote speak to you? What does it stir in you?
- b. In your life, when are you the most likely to leave out love and, instead, depend on your abilities, powers, and works, to please God?

5. Read 1 John 4:7-8. Since God is love, all true love starts with him and comes down to us from him and fills us. Then our hearts overflow with God's love so that we can love others.
 - a. What is the difference between saying "God is loving" and "God is love?"
 - b. What implications does the fact that "God is love" (1 John 4:8) have on what you must do if you want to love better and love more?
 - c. What happens to your effort to increase in love if that effort is not rooted in the God of love and his love for you?

TAKING IT HOME

6. Who do you need to love better and love more? What specific action can you take this week to do that?
7. **PRAYER TIME:** Pray that your heart will overflow with God's love as you pursue him passionately so that you might increase in love.