

Without Love

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13

Also: 1 John 4:19

Discussion Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. Read the passage: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
 - o Why does Paul place such an emphasis on love?
 - o Why is it so important in the context of this letter to the Corinthians? (What is the context?)
3. In the sermon, several points drove home what happens with the lack of love:
 - o Without love, all that I say is meaningless.
 - o Without love, my knowledge is deficient.
 - o Without love, faith is left lacking.
 - o Without love, even giving loses its worth.
 - o Without love, accomplishments come up short.
 - Where do you see a lack of love in your life?
 - What have the results been?
 - What do you need to do to correct it? (Repent & ask forgiveness? Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to love? Ask for eyes to see practical ways to show love? Do something behind the scenes? Do something sacrificial? Spend time meditating on God's unconditional love toward you? Etc?)
4. In verses 4-7, Paul lists things that love is/does, or that love is not/doesn't do.
 - o When you see your life not measuring up according to the list, do you address that specific item, or do you see it as a lack of love?
 - o For instance, if you are not patient with a friend, do you see that only a lack of patience, or do you see it as a lack of love, which then results in a lack of patience?
5. What person or people do you need to begin loving (or love more/better) today? This week? In this season of life?

May we love because He has loved us (1 John 4:19)