



## Group Discussion Guide: 1 Corinthians 13 | February 12, 2023

### Open with prayer (5 minutes).

Take a few minutes to acknowledge God's presence as you begin your group time. Ask Him to help your group have a good discussion and to help you internalize the Scriptures.

### Read Scripture and debrief the sermon (30 minutes).

- What resonated with you from this sermon? What deepened your faith?
- What challenged you from this message?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.** Based off what you know of **1 Corinthians**, how does this passage speak to what Paul's been doing to help the Corinthians live faithful lives to Jesus?
- **Read John 3:16; 1 John 4:8; 1 Peter 4:8; Colossians 3:14; and John 13:34-35.** What do these passages teach you about love? How do they relate to how Paul describes love in **1 Corinthians 13**?
- What are the three things Paul describes himself as in **verses 1-2** if he does not have love?
- When have you experienced someone acting totally out of self-interest and not out of love? What did it feel like to be on the receiving end of that encounter?
- Oppositely, when have you encountered someone who loved like Paul describes here in **1 Corinthians 13**? What did it feel like to be the one receiving that love?
- In his message, Dan pointed out three unmistakable takeaways from this passage: (1) Without love, religion is worthless; (2) What true love looks like; and (3) Only love will last forever. Which of these three sections of the sermon resonated with you most? Explain.
- What are the specific ways Paul says love manifests itself in **verses 4-7**? Which aspect of love do you find yourself able to embody easier than others from this list. Which one do you find hard?
- In this passage, Dan pointed out how Paul says that only love will last forever. In what ways are you building or striving after things that will not last?
- After hearing and reflecting on Sunday's message, what is the Holy Spirit's invitation for you?



**Altogether, prayerfully read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31. Then, take a few minutes to reflect individually (35 minutes).**

- Start by reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.
- After reading it straight through, take a few extra moments to slowly re-read verses 4-7. This time, as you do, insert Jesus' name in for the word "love." When finished, prayerfully consider that this is Jesus' disposition towards you.
- Lastly, re-read verses 4-7. Only this time, insert your own name for the word love. When finished, think about in what ways you still have room to grow in love? Where does your name not exactly fit in relation to this passage on love?

As you come back together as a group, ask these three questions:

- What stood out to you from your time in this passage?
- How did you answer those reflection questions you sat with?
- What would it look like for you to take one step in love this week?

**Finish with intercessory prayer (10 minutes).**

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.