

Dear Church,

Community Group Discussion Guide What Matters Most 1 Corinthians 13



Read 1 Corinthians 13 before answering the following question.

1. If you've been our 365 journey through the Bible this year and you've read the first twelve chapters of 1 Corinthians - how would you describe the church in Corinth? Write this down in a one to three sentence description.

If you're not doing 365, you can still answer this question by reading the first twelve chapters of 1 Corinthians. It'll just take you a little longer. 😊

2. Write down the troubling issues Paul had to deal with in this first letter to the Corinthians?
3. Why is 13th chapter a key response to the problems Paul saw in this church?
4. What big take away did Steve give in his sermon that summarizes in three words what Paul wrote in this chapter?
5. Steve pointed to this equation multiple times in his sermon. What was he saying through it?

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6. How is it possible for the above equation to be true for the following:
 - Speaking in tongues
 - Prophecy with insight into spiritual truth and future events
 - Mountain moving faith
 - Sacrificial giving
 - Martyrdom
7. In verses 4 through 7 Paul provides 13 descriptors of love. Write down each one of these descriptors and one observation of each one. Once you've done this, then think about how they answer why the absence of love in what we do diminishes each one to nothing (zero).
8. What would you say are your top three challenges from Paul's list of love's descriptors? For example... Would you say one of your three is patience with people?
9. How does what Paul writes in verses 8-13 reinforce this Sunday's big take away that Love Matters Most?
10. What's your personal application/s from this chapter? (If you're in a Community Group and you've been journaling as you read through scripture this year, it might be helpful for you small group to share what you wrote.)



This week's reading
(Mon, Oct 3 - Sun, Oct 9)

MON - 1 Cor. 14 & Psalm 132

TUES - 1 Cor. 15 & Psalm 133

WED - 1 Cor. 16 & Psalm 134

THURS - 2 Cor. 1 & Psalm 135

FRI - 2 Cor. 2-3 & Psalm 136

SAT - 2 Cor. 4 & Psalm 137

SUN - 2 Cor. 5 & Psalm 138