

WHAT IS LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:4-13

BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE...

1. **God's Love is Uninfluenced.** Deuteronomy 7:6-8 // 1 John 4:19
God's love is not simply an attribute. God *is* love. And because He is love, the love that comes from Him does so simply because He is love. His love is uninfluenced by anything or anyone else.
2. **God's Love is Sovereign.**
God loves whoever He pleases. We might ask ourselves, "why does He show His love towards that sinner who does not deserve His love, but does not show it to the other? A better question is, "why does He show His love to *any* sinner?"
3. **God's Love is Unchangeable.**
Nothing you can do can change His love for you. He can't love you any more or any less. His love is perfect, and it will always remain to be perfect.
4. **God's Love is Infinite.** Romans 8:35-39
His love has no end, and it can never go away.
5. **God's Love is Holy.**
God is perfect, and because He is love this means He despises sin. Because He loves us, and because we sin, He will discipline us, *not* out of anger and wrath, but out of holy love.

THEREFORE...WHAT DOES LOVE LOOK LIKE?

John 15:13

Humble Love

- Patient and Kind
- Does not Envy or Boast
- Is not Arrogant, Rude, or Insist on its Own Way
- Is not Irritable or Resentful
- Doesn't Rejoice in at Wrongdoing and Rejoices in the Truth
- Bears, Believes, and Hopes All Things
- Never Ends

PRACTICE BEFORE THE PERFECT

There will come a day when all of our gifts won't have any bearing on our place within the church, this world, or our interpersonal relationships. Paul appeals to them to keep that future hope and expectation in their minds, so that in the meantime, they would practice love while waiting for perfection.



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Hebrews 13:6

So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **1 Corinthians 13.4-13**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

If you replace the word "love" with "Jesus" in this passage, which of these traits strike you the most as a needed Gospel reminder?

Repent and Confess

Clearly, none of us could replace our name with the word "love" and get 100% on the test. Which trait of love do you most consistently struggle in? Do you hold on to the past? Do you get irritated or impatient in certain circumstances? Do you complain?

Ask for Provision

What might you ask God for in order to grow in love towards others?

Your Life Mission

Many of the relationships we have with those who don't love Jesus can be difficult, taxing, and exhausting. But real love calls us beyond what we "feel" and into what we "know."

What conversations or social settings with non-believers are coming up that you could use prayer for? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

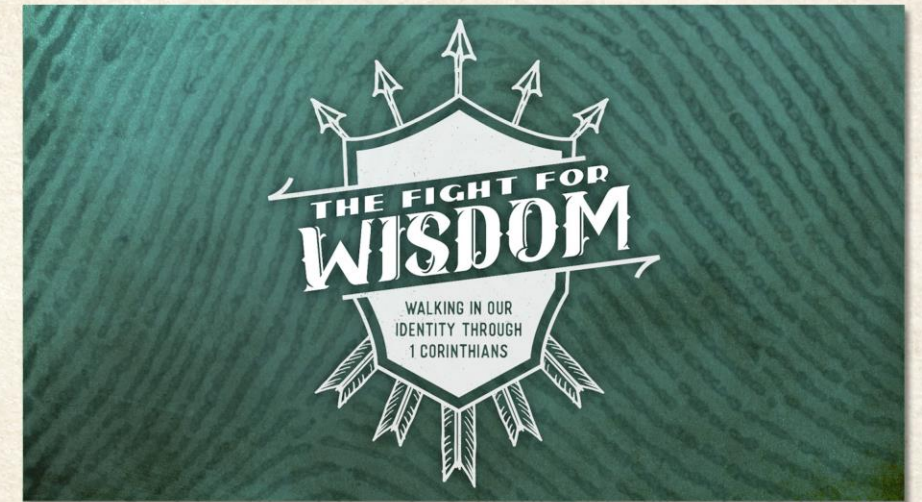
End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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