

Church in the Park: God's Beautiful Gifted church

Week's Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Discussion Guide: October 9, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. - 1 Corinthians 12:12

Did you find a way to make another church member know they are valuable this past week?

OPEN:

- 1 Corinthians 13 is often referred to as the "love chapter" (love is patient, love is kind etc...), is it surprising to you that 1 Corinthians is talking about the church's relationships (not primarily romantic relationships)?

READ and ASK: 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

- What makes speaking in tongues, faith, generosity, and even martyrdom worthless?
 - o What would it look like to use a spiritual gift in a useless way?
- Why do you think Paul wrote about love to the Corinthians?
- What are the characteristics of love?
 - o Which do you find being the problems for many in the church?
 - o Which is the biggest challenge for you?
 - o How is Jesus the greatest example of love?
- Why will prophecy, tongues etc... pass away?
- How will we be different when we see Christ?

APPLY:

- Love is such a popular "idea" but why is it so difficult to live out love on a daily basis?
- Consider the descriptions of love in this chapter and your own ways in which you exercise your gifts. What can help you to remember to use your gift in a loving way?
- NEXT STEP: How can you show love to someone in the church this week?

Memory Work:

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

- 1 Corinthians 13:13

Next Week's Reading:

1 Corinthians 14:1-25