

Small Group Guide



The Most Excellent Way - 1 Corinthians 13

Opening Prayer: Begin with a prayer asking God to open hearts and minds to understand and apply His message of love.

Key Takeaways:

1. Love is the essential environment in which all spiritual gifts and Christian disciplines operate effectively.
2. Without love, our spiritual practices and gifts become meaningless noise.
3. True love, as demonstrated by God, involves working for the good of others without expecting anything in return.
4. We are called to love beyond our own tribe or circle, reflecting God's love for all.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does Paul's description of love in 1 Corinthians 13 challenge your current understanding or practice of love?
2. In what ways might we be tempted to gauge our spiritual maturity by things other than love? How can we refocus on love as the central aspect of our faith?
3. The sermon mentions that some in the Corinthian church were proud of their spiritual gifts. Have you ever witnessed or experienced spiritual pride in yourself or others? How did it affect relationships within the church?
4. How does God's definition of love in 1 John 4:9-10 differ from the world's understanding of love? How can we embody this divine love in our daily lives?

5. Pastor Jeff suggests that operating without love makes us "merely human." What do you think this means, and how can we cultivate a supernatural love that sets us apart?
6. Reflect on a time when you felt challenged to love someone outside your "tribe" or comfort zone. What did you learn from that experience?

Closing Prayer: End the session by praying for God's love to fill each member, transforming their hearts and actions in the coming week.