

LOVE as a Foundation for Unity – I Corinthians 13:1-8a & John 13:34-35

Religious Activity without LOVE is worthless (I Corinthians 13:1-3).

What authentic LOVE looks like (I Corinthians 13:4-8a).

Christ's LOVE is the source of our LOVE for one another (John 13:34-35).

Questions for Discussion & Application:

1. What was surprising, challenging, or helpful from this study of God's Word?
2. Biblical community means that within the church we have authentic relationships that lead to spiritual transformation. Why is not possible to have this kind of community without love for one another?
3. What does God think of religious activity that is not motivated by love?
4. What could wrongly motivate religious activity besides love for God and others?

5. What church activities are you most committed to? Why do you do these things? How do you need to let love further motivate these activities?
6. How do you define authentic love? Who is the best example of love? (John 13:34 & I John 3:16)
7. Which description of love in I Corinthians 13:4-8a is most convicting to you personally?
8. Which description of love have you seen God most increase in your life?
9. Where does a heart of love come from? (I John 4:11 & I John 4:19)
10. How has God increased your love for others within our church family? What did God use in your life to accomplish this? What new actions did this increased love lead to?

Additional Questions for Personal Reflection:

1. What are you be tempted to wrongly value over the call to really love others in authentic relationships?
2. What step will you take in order to see God begin to change this?
3. Why might reflecting upon the love that God has given you in Christ help you to take this step?