



## 1 Corinthians 13 Discussion Questions

- Paul says that even the most impressive spiritual gifts or sacrifices are “nothing” without love. Why do you think Paul uses such strong language?
  - How might we confuse giftedness, activity, or sacrifice for genuine love?
- Ben described Corinth as a “status-anxious” culture. Where do you see that same hunger for validation in our culture?
  - How can that creep into the church today?
- Paul warns that it’s possible to do great things for God and yet not have love. Why is it so easy to mistake talent or service for true character?
  - How can we guard against this in our own lives?
- Which of the qualities of love stand out to you the most right now?
  - Why do you think that particular one resonates with you?
  - How does Jesus embody that quality perfectly?
- Ben described all of the qualities as a genuine quality and a counterfeit quality. Go over them now and determine how they would be genuine or counterfeit.
- Love is described as patient and kind. How does patience with others reflect trust in God’s timing?

- How is biblical kindness different from simply “being nice” or “affirming everything”?
- Paul says love “does not envy or boast.” What does that look like practically?
  - What helps us fight against envy and boasting?
- Love “is not irritable or resentful.” What does it practically look like to stop keeping a record of wrongs?
  - How does the gospel free us from living in resentment?
- Love “does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.”
  - How can we hold together both truth and love in relationships?
  - Why does counterfeit love often separate the two?
- Why does Paul say love never ends, even when other gifts pass away?
  - How does this eternal perspective help us endure in relationships now?
- Ben emphasized that love is not a set of rules, it is a person. How does that change your perspective on love?
  - How does the love of Christ inform your love for others?
  - What are some ways you can walk in love this week? Towards friends, family, co-workers, or others?