



LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new?! How is your walk with the Lord? Did you have any opportunities to share the Lord with anyone?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement? How can we pray, encourage, and show love to them?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
[Dialogue]
2. Let's read our primary text. This text continues the subject matter of the previous chapter. What is Paul's focus in the previous chapter?
Spiritual Gifts and its purpose/function within Church Body
3. What is Paul's point in the opening verses of this chapter? What is he telling the Corinthians?
Some in the Corinthian church seem to be elevating some spiritual gifts above others, namely, speaking in tongues and prophecy. Love was absent from the use of their gifts and knowledge, which was a cause for concern for Paul.
4. When you reflect on your own life, would you say that love is what fuels your actions towards others? Or selfish gain?
[Dialogue]
5. Read verse 11. Paul addresses mature manhood/womanhood vs. childhood. Think about what parts of your life are childish and need to be "given up"? Which one of the sinful patterns listed in verses 4-6 is most present in your own life?
[Dialogue]
6. Verse 10 says, "when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away." What is Paul talking about here?
Christ is the perfect. When Christ returns to restore and reconcile all things, there will be no more need for temporal gifts such as tongues and prophecy.
7. If you feel like you have lost your capacity to love others (or maybe you did not grow up in a loving household), how do you think the Bible would instruct us to cultivate love?
The Bible says that we can ask the Lord for anything. It would be wise to ask the Lord to birth in us a renewed affection for others. As a Christian begins to mature and form relationships with others, a monumental shift begins to happen. The Christian will begin to consider others more significant than themselves. This Christlike, Holy Spirit fueled transition, causes pride to decrease and humility to increase, allowing the Holy Spirit to produce fruit...the first fruit being love.

8. How does this text cause us to change? What does it make you consider in your own life?

[Dialogue]

9. How might you share this passage/truth with someone else? A child? A family member?

[Dialogue]

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Is there anyone that needs an invite to our church or this group?
- Is there anyone you know who needs to hear what we learned today in God's word?
- Does anyone here need a "refresher" on how to share the gospel?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Without getting too specific, is there anything you want to confess before the group? [apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply his word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.

HOMEWORK:

- **Memorize our weekly "Fighter Verse"** - Rom 12:14-16