

Love...it is something all of us want and need. We all have this inner desire to be noticed, to be admired, to be loved. Where does this desire come from? Where does love come from? Is love a feeling, an ability, or much more? Join us as we journey over the next few weeks in exploring the Bible and all it has to say on LOVE.

Icebreaker: What is your favorite chick-flick or love story? Why?

1. Why do you think most of the world looks at love as a feeling or ability? What problems can arise if we think of love as either a feeling or ability?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3: How does the Apostle Paul define talented, gifted people, and people with good intentions if they have no love? Paul is describing love as being the ultimate motivator. Do you agree with this thought? Explain.
3. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8: Love seems to begin with grace. How can loving someone be seen as an act of grace?
 - a. How can true love inspire a person to be a patient person?
 - b. Explain how kindness is love in action.
 - c. Discuss how envy, boasting, arrogance comes to the surface in someone's life when they don't feel unconditional love.
4. Give an example of how love causes someone to deal with reality or to live responsibly.
5. vs. 7 and 8 give us a great look at love always being safe. How safe is your love? In order to be safe, we must be willing to fight for something and fight against something. In order to have true love what would you suggest someone fight for? Fight against?
6. It seems as though love takes work and yet, it is something we all want. Why does it then become so easy to become lazy about the way we love and feel love?
7. How do we learn to rest in God's love? Rest in our spouse's love?

Prep for next week: What does it mean to love your spouse? Read Ephesians 5:22-33 and write down any observations or questions you have about love, marriage, and the church.

Is there someone around you that needs to know God's love? Is there a marriage your know of that needs to understand what true love looks like? Take time to pray for these individuals and consider inviting them back to the church for the end of the series.

Pray

Close by thanking God for His incredible love and pray for one another that God would continue to you more of what love really is.
