

ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

What are a few things that you love? (Ex. Hobbies, Sports, Music, Books, Family, Weather, etc.)

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Anchor Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Paul begins by reminding the Corinthian church of the importance that love must play in their lives. We will learn this week that at the heart of everything we do, we must be grounded in love because without love, we are nothing.

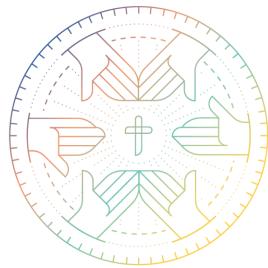
INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

- 1. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. What sticks out to you about how Paul describes the importance of love?
- 2. Read 1 John 4:17-19 and John 15:9-11. What sticks out to you about how love is described in connection to our relationship with God?
- 3. We learn three important things about love in 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.
 - Love cannot be persuasive if it is passive (Verse 1)
 - Love identifies with others' battles. (Verse 2)
 - Love isn't permissive but rather life-giving as Jesus is to us (Verse 3)

Of these, which one stands out to you and why?







APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

- 1. Read John 13:34-35 and Galatians 5:14. What would it look like for you based on these two passages you have for you in your daily life?
- 2. Read John 15:13. As you reflect on your life, what area(s) do you need to become more loving in?
- 3. Read Luke 10:27 and Ephesians 3:14-19. What would it look like for you to live our authentic love this week?

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Dear heavenly Father,

Help us to be known by the way that we love one another. May our love for you and for others be at the center of all that we do. As we all experience situations that are difficult to display love, may we be reminded of the love that you have shown us, allowing us to be in a relationship with you. Thank you that have set the example of selfless love. May we be reminded and walk in that love this week. We pray all these things in your excellent name. Amen.