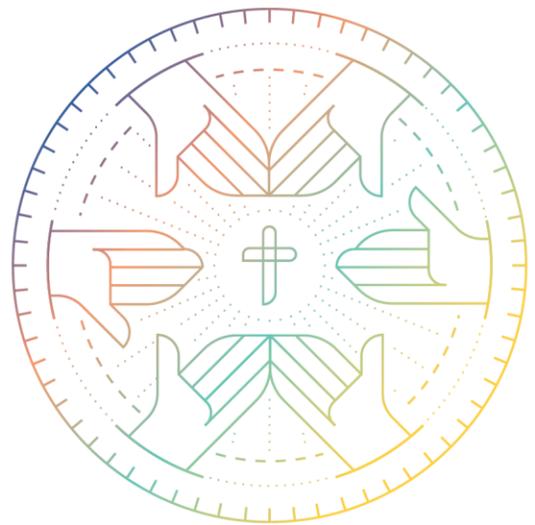


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## ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

Do you believe there is a difference between patience and endurance and what does that look like in relationships?

## INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Anchor Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Paul continues his instruction to the Corinthian church by examining four things that love does. At the heart of all four is the truth that Love endures all things. We all face hard times in our lives, and when we choose to follow Jesus in the way of love, we cannot stop loving when life becomes difficult. We will see that true authentic love endures through adversity and hardship.

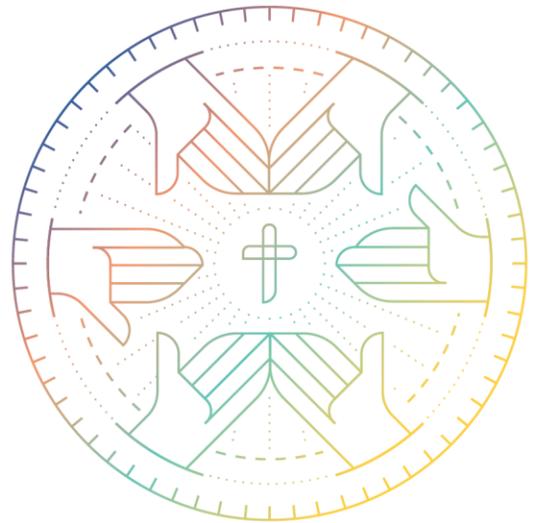
## INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

1. Read Matthew 7:12 and Galatians 5:13-14. The first thing love does in 1 Corinthians 13:7 is to bear all things. To bear all things is to accept, protect, honor, and elevate another person. Why is it hard at times to elevate and create space for others to be themselves in relationships?
2. Read Romans 1:11-12 and Romans 12:10. The second thing that love does in 1 Corinthians 13:7 is believe all things. To believe here means to not lose faith, to choose to see the good, and to offer trust to another person. Who in your life brings out the best in you? What do they do that helps you to be at your best?
3. Read Matthew 18:21-22 and 1 Peter 4:8. The third thing that love does in 1 Corinthians 13:7 is hope. To hope means to give others room to grow and forgive. What role does forgiveness play in true authentic love?

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## APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

1. Read Proverbs 17:9, Matthew 6:14-15, and Colossians 3:13. We see the final thing that love does in 1 Corinthians 13:7 is endure. To endure means to persevere, forgive, and continue amid hardship. What would it look like for you to practice endurance in how you love and forgive those around you this week?
2. As we wrap up our time in 1 Corinthians 13, what major takeaways or applications do you have about the role of authentic love in the life of a follower of Christ?

## PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

*Dear heavenly Father, help us love as Jesus loved. We want to love completely, be able to trust, and forgive. Lord, as we enter Thanksgiving week, we want to thank You for all the blessings and mercy You give us daily. Protect us and be with us as some of us will be traveling or others will travel to be with us. In Your holy and excellent name, we pray, amen.*