

-Love

Discipleship is a Relationship

1. With God
2. With Family
3. With the Church
4. With the Lost

Suggested Memory Verse

- 1 John 4:19-20
1 Corinthians 13:6

Purpose: To Biblically define love and understand its role in the life of a disciple

1. What does Jesus have to say about the subject of "love"?
 - A. Matthew 22:37-40
 - B. Matthew 5:43-47
 - C. John 13:34-35
 - D. John 15:13
2. What is the test of love? Read and explain John 14:23-24.
3. Another test for love is found in I John 3:16-18. What is it?
4. Can you share a time recently that you have helped someone in need? What kind of blessing did you receive from this?
5. Has there been a time you have failed to help someone that you knew to be in need? What hinders you from doing what you could to help people?
6. Read Matthew 25:31-46 and Luke 10:30-37. What's the principle of love in these two passages of scripture?
7. After completing the preceding question, what would you give as your personal definition of "love"?
8. There should never be any question or doubt as to whether God loves you. (1 John 4:8-11) His love is a motivation for you to love others. Is it possible to love God and not love your brother in Christ? (1 John 4:20-21)

Do you have anyone in your past or present against whom you are holding a grudge?

If yes, what will you do this week to begin to get this straight and show love to this person?

(Love Continued)

9. 1 Corinthians 13 is known as the "Love Chapter." Fill in the missing parts. (Or use your own translation and copy verses 1-8.)

"If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have _____, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the _____ of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have _____, I am _____. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have _____, it profits me _____. Love is _____, love is kind and is not _____; love does not _____ and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not _____, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in _____, but rejoices with the _____; _____ all things, _____ all things, _____ all things, _____ all things. Love never _____." --1 Corinthians 13:1-8 NASU

How does your love measure up? In which of these areas do you need the most work?

10. What will you do this week (be specific) to show special love to:

A. Your family

B. A person in need

Suggestion: As a discipleship project, maybe you could do something together to help someone. Discuss the possibility of this and who you might help. This could be financial help or a service project.