

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Summer Series

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Message: Love in the Body of Christ

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Memory Verse: Isaiah 55:8-9 NIV

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways”, declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word to lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: Love is the engine of church life

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

1. Looking back over the past year, what stories of love have you witnessed that we can celebrate? Considering your own spiritual journey, how have you grown in love over the past year?
2. Why is the use of this passage being applied exclusively to marriage an incorrect interpretation? To whom should we be expressing this kind of love? How does this understanding challenge you and how do you show love?
3. Giving possessions to the poor and giving our bodies to be burned are figurative ways of saying that we give sacrificially. In what areas do you find it easy to give sacrificially? What areas are difficult for you? What are some things that can help us determine our motives for our sacrifice?



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4. The kind of love spoken of in this passage is what people want to experience. Why do you think loving like this is so difficult? Of the positive traits listed in verse 4, which do you find most challenging to embody? Why do you think that is and how can you work on it?
5. Love “is not easily angered” and “keeps no record of wrongs.” How do you manage feelings of anger and the temptation to hold grudges? How can we lean toward the positive and extend forgiveness. What does it look like to forgive someone for their words or actions when they have not apologized?
6. Sometimes we find ourselves replaying past hurts in our minds, even after forgiving someone. Have you ever experienced this? Why is this an indicator that we may be holding a grudge? When we hold grudges against people, why is it important to remember our own sinfulness? How does God treat our sins?
7. Loving others is not always easy. It can mean we need to shine a light on an area of wrongdoing in a person’s life. How does the thought of having a conversation like this make you feel? What might cause a person to neglect having a conversation like this? Where has God revealed a painful truth to you that has ultimately led to life in an area that was void of life before?
8. How do you think embodying the love described in 1 Corinthians 13 impacts your witness to non-believers? Share an experience where your actions of love led someone to ask about your faith or consider Christianity.



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