



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 06/09/2019
DISCUSSION DATE: 06/16/2019
TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 13

“Language creates culture--the words we use create the world we live in.”

A Disciple is an eager learner and devoted follower of Jesus who loves God’s Word and longs to live God’s Way.

What is Discipleship?

What is disciple making?

I. LEARNING TO LOVE – 1 CORINTHIANS 13

A. What love does...

1. Love practices patience (it is willing to suffer long).
2. Love proceeds in kindness.

B. What love will not do...

1. *Love will not be envious/jealous.*
2. *Love will not parade itself – it does not brag/boast.*
3. *Love is not puffed up – it will not be arrogant.*

ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES

What does God want us to desire/value?	What does God want us to know?	What does God want us to do?
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1. **Read Philippians 1:9-11.** How does Paul want us to pray for one another? How do we learn to approve things that are excellent? Who gets to decide what is excellent? When we learn to abound in love, what will fill our lives?
2. **Read John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:16-18.** What is new about Jesus' command? Why is it important to Jesus that His disciples learn to love one another? What is the fundamental characteristic of love? What does it mean to love in word or in tongue? How will the world see our love for one another?
3. **Pastor Ronald Lemp declared:** "*The foundation of the church is our love for one another – which enables us **to love people who differ from ourselves.***" How have you seen this to be true? What challenges do we face in our context to live one another?
4. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:4; Romans 12:17.** Why is it so hard not to repay evil for evil? Do we value patience with others as much as we value it when others are patient with us?
5. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:4.** What does kindness look like in our daily lives? How do we/can we practice kindness at home; work; at church? How do we teach our children to be kind? Why has kindness become such an uncommon trait in our society?
6. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:4.** How can jealousy be positive? In what sense should we be jealous for our spouses, children, and fellow church members?
7. What are 2 ways that jealousy becomes evil? Why are we so competitive and eager to win or be known as better than another?
8. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:4.** What kind of things do we put into a parade? What is the point of a parade? Why do we want to be noticed and long for recognition?
9. Describe a time when you were treated as inferior? Why is spiritual pride a temptation? Why is spiritual pride death to love in the church?
10. **Read Proverbs 8:13; 11:2; 13:10; 16:18.** Why should we hate pride? How do we help one another to learn to truly hate pride in our lives?