

Life Group Discussion Questions Based on 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 For the week of November 14, 2021

Reading the Text:

- 1. Paul references many gifts in 13:1-3 from his list of gifts in 12:8-10 and 12:28-30. What is his point in bringing them up here in vv.1 3?
- 2. Given the connection back to Chapter 12, what is the most immediate context for the demonstrations of love listed in vv. 4 7.
- 3. How would you paraphrase vv. 8 13? How does it fit in the flow of Paul's argument?

Knowing the Full Picture:

4. Read Jesus' statement on love immediately after washing the disciple's feet - John 13:34-35. Jesus' statement is also immediately directed at His followers' love for each other. Why do you think our loving each other is so important to Jesus and Paul?

Living It Out:

- 5. Were you ever taught to do the right thing regardless of your motives, and regardless of your feelings? What happens when we apply that teaching to Christianity? How does that line up with Paul's teaching here?
- 6. What do we do when we don't feel we have the ability to love in the way that Paul has described?
- 7. Who in your life do you find difficult to love? (You don't need to say it out loud.) Pray for each other that God would give us the ability to love even those people.