

LoveWell Ministries Bible Study

Love Is Foundational



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LOVE. DISCIPLE. REPEAT.

I. Take some time to invite the Holy Spirit in to guide your thoughts and feelings as you go through this Bible study. Ask the Lord to tell you how much He loves you; ask Him to bring into memory times when you were absolutely sure you were experiencing His love. Just sit in this space for a few minutes as God reveals Himself to you.

II. Answer the following:

- What is love? What does it mean to you?

- Where are you at (or not at) with love in your life right now?

III. The letters to the Corinthians are really cool because Paul gives us some very practical ways of being good Christians and becoming the best disciples of Christ that we can be. Both books are full of “don’t do this but do this instead” type teachings. The church in Corinth that these letters are addressed to was very engrained in worldly ways. They had a very worldly view on what love is and what’s important and what’s not. They were used to putting all their trust and dependence in their own abilities, power, and wealth. Paul writes to them in order to show them how to find true purpose and fulfillment in being part of something bigger than themselves, better than anything they’ve ever imagined, and that will last for all of eternity. Just after telling them how to play nice with others and use their God given talents and spiritual gifts, Paul pauses and reminds them of the most important thing...

- **Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 and answer the following question:**

Why is love so important? _____

Love from the perspective of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit:

IV. God the Father – These passages teach us about love, AND they teach us about God.

- **Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and answer the following questions:**

What does this teach us about love?

What does this teach us about God?

- **Read 1 John 4:15-16**

- God is love, and love comes from Him. True love comes from knowing God and having a relationship with Him, through Jesus. This was God's design from the beginning. We were created by love, with love, and for love.

- Pause for a minute and think about TRUE love and what "God is love" means to you. Then, write your thoughts in the space provided. _____

- God first created Adam (man) to be in relationship with Him in the Garden of Eden. God didn't force Adam into a relationship with Him. We can't force someone to love us. That isn't love. True love requires the freedom to choose it. God gave Adam a choice, to follow Him or to follow his own way. We have a choice, too. Receiving Jesus, and what He did for us on the cross, allows us to be in a relationship with God and experience His unconditional love. God's unconditional love, or agape love, is a love that never gives up on us and never fails us. It lasts forever.

V. Jesus

- **Read John 3:16 & 1 John 4:9-10 and answer the following questions:**

What does this teach us about love?

What does this teach us about Jesus?

- Jesus' death on the cross is the ultimate demonstration of love.



VI. Holy Spirit

- If we are the temple of the Holy Spirit, and as believers, the Holy Spirit dwells within us, then God, who is love, should be flowing out of us. We are able to love beyond our own power. How does this make you feel? _____

- **Read Romans 5:5 & Galatians 5:22 and answer the following questions:**

What does this teach us about love?

What does this teach us about the Holy Spirit?

VII. Activity:

- **Read Mark 15:24-41**
- Imagine being there and witnessing the greatest act of love ever.
- Sit at the foot of the cross for 10 minutes in silence. As you do, contemplate love and the depths of the cross and how it can help us understand what love really is.
- After 10 minutes of silence at the foot of the cross, use the space provided to write down your feelings, thoughts, and anything new that came to you about what God has done for you.

- Answer the following:

What's the cross have to do with receiving God's love?
