



Sermon Discussion Questions

"The Greatest Gift"

1 Corinthians 13

December 27, 2015

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Opener:

What is the ultimate tester of your patience?

Questions:

1. Given the Corinthians' quest for spiritual gifts and power, what is Paul's point in verses 1-3?
2. What is love? List the seven characteristics of what love is, and the eight that it is not (vv 4-7)?
3. What is the significance of the contrast Paul makes between gifts, perfection, and love (vv 8-13)?
4. Why is love greater than faith and hope (v 13)?

Application:

5. Discuss aspects of love you find the most difficult. Trade stories in your group about how such difficulties have or have not yet been reconciled or overcome.

What is one example of love overcoming difficulty in your life or in the life of someone you know?

6. Besides telling us what love is, this passage gives us an incidental portrait of Jesus as the ultimate one of love. Reread together, aloud, verses 4-7 and replace "love" with "Jesus."
7. In light of this passage, what does love look like in your life's circumstances? For example, what does love look like in your job? Or with your friends? Or your foes?
8. Name one additional way you can demonstrate love in your circumstances this final week of 2015? Discuss the role of prayer in giving and receiving this greatest gift that is love.

*Questions comprised in reference to both the *Serendipity Bible for Groups* and *The NIV Quiet Time Bible*.