



SDG Discussion Guide

1 Corinthians 13:7-13

August 18, 2019

For Starters:

How would you describe the way in which children love others?

What does maturity look like?

How do you want to be loved?

Guidelines: The following is meant to provide an approach for further interaction with the respective sermon text and *surrounding passage*. Feel free to forward to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find this write up in print on that Sunday.

First, as you can, read aloud the selected passage in your group. If you have time, read it aloud a second time - from a different Bible translation. If you have time, read it aloud a third time - from an even different Bible translation.

Before you begin your discussion, pray and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your discussion and learning?

Now that you have read the text together and prayed, what points and questions arise from your group? **Spend plenty of time in your group to address these points and questions.** Explore and see how God may give guidance in the discussion. The following are further questions you may use to guide your interaction with the text.

1. What insights do you gain about agape love from this passage?
2. What does love that "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" look like?
3. What are the implications of agape love being eternal?
4. Which imagery from this passage speaks to you, and why?
5. How is living agape love "putting away childish things"?
6. Why does Paul tie agape love to maturity?
7. What aspects of spirituality do churches tend to emphasize?
8. What difference would it make in churches if living agape love became a central focus?
9. If Christians lived agape love in all aspects of our lives, what would our world look like?
10. What has impacted you the most from this journey through 1 Corinthians 13?
11. How have you applied what you learned in tangible ways?
12. Going forward, how do you want your faith community to pray for you and support you in living agape love?

Holy One, reveal to us the areas of our lives that we still need to submit to the transforming power of your Spirit. Strengthen us and guide us as we seek to live out agape love.