



Week 8

Sermon Series: Rich Spiritual Worship

Sermon Title: "Love: A Selfless Endeavor"

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Study Handout Week of: October 24, 2021

Group Week of: October 31, 2021

Sermon Date: November 7, 2021

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Patience and Love – Ephesians 4:1-3
Day 2	Pride Destroys Love – 1 Kings 12:1-11
Day 3	Love and the Law – Romans 13:8-10
Day 4	Loves Hopes – Luke 19:1-10
Day 5	Love Endures – Genesis 29:20

The Text

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Observe Everything.** Use pens and highlighters to mark the text. Come up with your own system of symbols, underlines, arrows, highlights, and notes, that will *help you understand and apply*. Only do what is helpful.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Textual Questions

- 1) What is the message God and Paul are speaking to the Corinthians (and to you) through this passage?
- 2) What does it mean that love does not boast and is not proud?
- 3) What does it mean that love keeps no record of wrongs?
- 4) How does this definition of love relate to rich, spiritual, worship?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Case Study: Jack is a young man in your life group. He is dating another girl in the church named Jill. He explains to you that he wants to marry Jill, saying that he loves her, and she loves him. When you ask him to explain what he means by “love” he says that he cannot stop thinking about Jill, when they are together, he has great happiness, and that he thinks all the time about how to make her happy.

How would you help Jack to explore biblical love? To see if his concept of love, aligns with God’s definition?

- 2) Case Study: John and Jane are married. John has a history of abuse and adultery in his marriage with Jane. Following any abuse or adultery, John is extremely sorrowful and does everything he can to make Jane happy. While the abuse and adultery hurt Jane, she describes the times afterwards as “the happiest moments of her life.” She deeply loves her husband, and greatly desires her husband’s love. During one life group meeting, Jane and John quite unexpectedly open up about their marriage, and its patterns of abuse, adultery, and the honeymoon like periods that follow.

If you are man, you will be helping John. If you are a woman, you will be helping Jane. What would you do to help them understand what true love is and how their marriage needs to change as a result?

- 3) What component of the definition of love do you find most difficult? Which component is most easy? Why is one easy and the other difficult?
- 4) We know that true love begins in the heart, not with our outward actions. However, is it possible to lead the heart into love by putting love into external practice first? Discuss your answers with your group.
- 5) Cultivating true love in our hearts for God and others is impossible without God’s help. What does the gospel do to enable us to love God and others well? How can we experience the love-enabled power of the gospel in our own lives?
- 6) Ask your loved ones, where you can grow in love. Share your answers here with the group, and ask them to pray for you as you continue to become more like Christ and embody His love in the relationships He has given you.