

Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

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Love Can Change Your World

1 Corinthians 13

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Get to Know You

What is the first example of a love story from literature and film that pops into your head?

Study the Book

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Instead of regarding love as optional, recommit to the necessity of love (vv. 1-3)

How do people search for a meaningful life through:

Experience

Knowledge

Achievement

Service

Why is love not optional? How can these things fall short of a meaningful life without love?

Instead of regarding love as sentimental, recommit to the true character of love.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

What action words from these verses do you find to be hard work?

To love is to act. There are things to start doing and things to quit doing. It's practical.

Pastor Tom

Concerning the practical aspect of love, do you find it harder to start behaviors/actions that show love or to stop behaviors/actions that do not show love?

Instead of regarding love as peripheral, recommit to the permanence of love.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Paul is warning us against the tendency to have all our attention on what we need for life now and miss what will remain forever. He's saying, 'Be thankful for the temporary gifts and experiences God provides to get us through this life, but don't let that be the end-all and be-all of the Christian life.'

Pastor Tom

What are some things we can be thankful for as we experience them now but will not last forever?

Group Application Discussion

What scenes or depictions in a movie/literature would show the work love requires (include examples from marriage, family, friends, and neighbor relationships)?

Why do we find following these verses so difficult?

Personal Reflection and Application

How are you contributing to what's wrong with the world?
How can this change?