

Week 23 Discussion Questions

Text: 1 Cor 13 (This week's passage is focusing on verses 1-3 and 8-13.)

Icebreaker: Have you ever felt like you were doing something great but later realized that you lacked the right motivation? What happened?

1. Read this week's passage. What stands out to you from the text or from the sermon you heard Sunday?

2. What do you think Paul's main point is in verses 1-3? How does love relate to spiritual gifts?

Application: What impact does love have in how we use our gifts?

3. Verses 1-3 present a scenario where spiritual gifts could still be impactful even when they are devoid of love. If an absence of love doesn't prevent such gifts from being effective, why does it really matter whether they are done in love or not?

Application: What could be different between someone who uses their gifts without having love from someone who uses their gifts with love?

4. Verses 8-13 describe another aspect of why love is essential when it comes to spiritual gifts. What basic point does Paul seem to be telling the Corinthians in verses 8 and 13?

5. *Application:* Love is the "more excellent way" from the last verse of chapter 12. What does it look like for you use your gifts in a way that's motivated by love?

What might prevent us from using our gifts out of love?