
DISCUSSION GUIDE

FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, SMALL GROUPS

What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly.” within us (Colossians 3:16):

1. Instead of rushing off after the service is over, or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”

2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don't let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share

[Above from book *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church Member*]

For further Application, Meditation and Conversation on today's text:

Date: 12/12/2021 - “Enduring Unending Love” (1 Corinthians 13:8-13)

1. What has been most impactful to you from 1 Corinthians 13 and why?
2. How does the middle of v. 7 (about believing and hoping the best about others) help you "bear all" and "endure all"?
3. How might the translation of "always protects" and "always perseveres" (NIV) help you think about v. 7 a bit differently?
4. How does thinking of Jesus help you persevere, not stop loving (13:7-8), and "pursue love" (14:1)?
5. True Christians disagree on tongues and prophecy today (13:8-12); how is 1 Corinthians 13 love important to keep in mind in areas of disagreement?
6. If love is "the greatest" (13:13) and "the more excellent way" (12:31), what's a greater way you can grow in your love for the Lord and others?
7. Which of the "one anothers" (see the back of this sheet) do you need to work on to "pursue love"? Who can you share with for accountability and prayer?

The “One Anothers” of the New Testament
Ways to apply Christ's love to Christ's people

1. Be at peace with one another – Mark 9:50
2. Love one another – John 13:34
3. Be devoted to one another – Romans 12:10
4. Give preference to one another – Rom. 12:10
5. Don't judge one another's liberty – Romans 14:13
6. Accept one another – Romans 15:7
7. Admonish one another – Romans 15:14
8. Care for one another – I Corinthians 12:25
9. Serve one another – Galatians 5:13
10. Bear one another's burdens – Galatians 6:2
11. Show forbearance to one another – Ephesians 4:2
12. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another – Ephesians 4:32
13. Speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs – Ephesians 5:19
14. Submit to one another in the fear of Christ – Ephesians 5:21
15. Regard one another as more important than himself – Philippians 2:3
16. Bear with one another – Colossians 3:13
17. Teach and admonish one another – Colossians 3:16
18. Abound in love or one another – I Thessalonians 3:12
19. Comfort one another – I Thessalonians 4:18
20. Encourage one another – I Thessalonians 5:11
21. Build up one another – I Thessalonians 5:11
22. Live in peace with one another – I Thessalonians 5:13
23. Seek the good of one another – I Thessalonians 5:15
24. Stimulate one another to love and good deeds – Hebrews 10:23
25. Don't forsake assembling with one another, but let us encourage one another – Hebrews 10:24
26. Confess your sins to one another – James 5:16
27. Pray for one another – James 5:16
28. Fervently love one another from the heart – I Peter 1:22
29. Be hospitable to one another without complaint – I Peter 4:9
30. Employ your spiritual gift in serving one another – I Peter 4:10
31. Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another – I Peter 5:5
32. Have fellowship with one another – I John 1:7