

PREACHING CURRICULUM

Growing UP in Love!

1 Corinthians 13

*Our purpose is to glorify God by fulfilling the great commission...
we need to love others as Christ first loved us.*

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Reread 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.

Are there times when we are impressive yet still irritating (vs 1)? What causes this?

Are there times when we are impressively effective and yet useless (vs 2)? How is that possible?

Are there times when we are impressively sacrificial and yet unproductive (vs 3)? What motivates that kind of unproductive sacrifice?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

If immaturity chases 'impressive', but maturity chases love; are we raising the next generation to chase after impressive (vs 1)? How?

What happens to self love in the absence of true Christian love?

Do you love people the way that God loves you? What are some of the ways you could?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

What is selfless love? How is it different from the world's view of love?

Selfless love never fails; what does this look like? Is it the same as tolerance?

Since no one can mature in their faith without love, how can we pursue love intentionally?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Choose one of the following commitments to work on this week. Consider choosing a specific person to focus your efforts on.

- ☐ With God's help, I will love _____ by directing my will and affection towards them.
- ☐ With God's help, I will love _____ by seeing them as equally important as myself.
- ☐ With God's help, I will love _____ by erasing bad attitudes towards them from my heart and mind.
- ☐ With God's help, I will love _____ by enduring the hurt and continuing to hope for the best in them.