

More Than Romance

“ How to Live a Life of Love - Part 1 ”

1. It Has to Be Your Ultimate Goal vv. 1-3

2. It's Only Achieved by How You Treat Others v. 4a



Grow Group Discussion Questions *(currently meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing)*

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg

Point #1

- Read 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:3. Explain why "love" is critical when it comes to growth in the Christian life.
- What ultimately happens when this isn't the case? Give an example. How does Point #1 surprise you?
- In what way can other spiritual disciplines cause a misplaced priority? How does Point #1 adjust you?

Point #2

- Read 1 Corinthians 13:4a. In this short verse, what is being implied when it comes to love?
- How does Matthew 22:37-40 also relate to this truth? How can Point #2 help prevent any misunderstanding?
- In what way will avoiding difficult people prevent living a life of love? How is God adjusting you?

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, John 13:34-35, Philippians 2:3, Matthew 22:37-40

- In what way was Paul making hypothetical statements about spiritual gifts? Why?
- What interpretation problems can take place if this principle isn't understood? (Hint: "tongues of angels")
- How does Paul's primary point help prevent pride within the church? How does this apply to everyone?

TUESDAY // Read 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:3, Galatians 5:22-23, Philippians 2:4, 1 Peter 4:10

- Why should "love" always be the driving motivator in the Christian life? What can often detract?
- How does Galatians 5:22-23 also highlight this same truth? Be specific when it comes to church life.
- In what way can this be easily overlooked? How have you missed this priority in your life?

WEDNESDAY // Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, Matthew 5:21-30, James 1:14-15

- Explain the difference between actions and attitude. Why will one lead to another? Give an example.
- How did Jesus address this same issue in the Sermon on the Mount? (c.f. Matthew 5:21-30)
- What is required in order to personally monitor this issue? (Hint: why?) How will you be more intentional?

THURSDAY // Read 1 Corinthians 13:4a, Matthew 22:37-40

- In what way does 1 Corinthians 13:4a highlight the way to love God? How did Jesus highlight the same truth?
- Why is this important to understand? What is at risk when loving God and loving others aren't connected?
- How does this challenge the way you've viewed loving God? How can you begin to step into this truth?

FRIDAY // Read 1 Corinthians 13:4a, John 3:16, 13:34-35, 1 John 4:7-8

- Explain how today's scriptures define what is required in order to grow in a life of love. Be specific.
- Why will avoiding those you struggle with prevent growth from happening? How is this for you?
- How can this week's sermon illustration (rubber band vs water), apply to your current situation?

SATURDAY // Read John 21:1-19

- In what way did Jesus reinstate Peter and commission him to continue carrying the Gospel forward?
- What did Jesus tell Peter to do in order to demonstrate his love for the Lord? How does this surprise you?
- How can this perspective often get missed in Christianity today? How have you missed this in your life?

MEDITATION VERSE: *2...if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.*

1 Corinthians 13:2