

Parent Yourself First

Life Group Questions – April 23, 2023



Connect

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word love? Why?

Learn and Apply

1. What stood out to you from the message? Was anything clarifying, confirming, confusing?

2. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8.**

3. Can you think of any other words to describe the love of Jesus? Add them to the upper-right Call In/Call Up on the back of your notes. *Feel free to add words to any of the quadrants that might help you better explain them.*

4. Do you parent (or relate to others) with reactive or proactive love? Do you respond or react most of the time? Can you think of any specific examples?

5. **Read John 8:1-11 together.** When done, name the ways Jesus demonstrates grace, invitation, relationship, compassion. Name the ways Jesus demonstrates truth, challenge, responsibility and honesty.

6. Individually re-read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, and where the words Love or It are used, replace them with your name (for example: Brian is patient, Brian is kind. Brian does not envy). Reflect on your list and then share together what characteristics of love God is pointing out to you that you need to grow in. *Don't condemn yourself, shame yourself or guilt yourself. Simply name reality and ask God to meet you there).*

Care and Pray

We ask our groups to focus on **3 simple practices: to care, learn and pray together.** Pray for each other, asking God to bring about that characteristic of love (from Question 6) in the person you pray for.

**If you are not a parent, work through these questions in the context of any relationships in your life. In any relationship, the most important things we can do is become more like Jesus. And in any relationship, the only person we can control and be responsible for is ourselves.*