



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

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TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:7-8

“Language creates culture (the words we use create the world we live in).”

Disciple: an eager learner and devoted follower of Jesus. One who loves God’s Word and longs to live God’s Way.

Discipleship: intentionally entering into accountable relationships that are saturated by the Word of God and empowered by the Holy Spirit in order to reproduce Christ-like disciples.

Disciple-making: intentionally entering into someone’s life in order to share Christ and to teach him or her to keep His commands.

Christ-like Disciple: a disciple who faithfully lives for Christ and is a contributor to ministry, not just a consumer. One who is faithful in studying God’s Word, praying, participating in worship, giving, serving and sharing.

I. LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE JESUS (PART THREE)- 1 CORINTHIANS 13:7-8

A. Love Bears all things - There Is Nothing Love Cannot Face!

1. Biblical love is marked by tenacity.
2. Why is Biblical love marked by tenacity?
3. What is the ambition of such tenacious love?

B. Love Believes All Things - It Never Ceases To Live By Faith.

C. Love Hopes All Things - It Is Confident In God's Promises.

D. Love Endures All Things - It Never Quits.

ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES

What does God want us to desire/value?	What does God want us to know?	What does God want us to do?
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1. Discuss how language creates culture. How do we expand our congregation's understanding of these terms? How important is this to our mission? As we were reminded last week, TBC is a place of miracles. What miracles are we asking the Lord to do in and through our lives?
2. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:7; 1 Corinthians 9:11-12.** How does love enable us to put up with all things (i.e. difficult people and impossible circumstances)?
3. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:7; 1 Peter 2:21-24.** What did Jesus do when he was reviled and suffered? What does love enable us to do when we are reviled and suffer? Is our love for others marked by tenacity? Why is our love often so fickle?
4. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:7; Proverbs 10:12; 1 Peter 4:8.** What is the difference between covering sin and covering up sin? When can love "cover" sin? When does love need to confront sin and expose it?
5. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:7; Isaiah 53:4-5.** What did Jesus do with our griefs and our sorrows? How do we follow Jesus in order to BEAR all things? What is the sustaining motivation of love?
6. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:7; Galatians 6:1.** What must love believe in order to endure? What does love know about God? What does love cause us to think about the person whom we are trying to love? Why is it hard to build and maintain trust in human relationships? What does it look like to move toward someone with a heart, desiring their restoration?
7. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:7.** Why does love refuse to lose hope? How/why does love fill us with hope? How does love keep us from seeing failure as final?
8. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:7-8a.** What keeps love going? Why do we need to know that LOVE NEVER FAILS? Does God's love ever fail to produce the good that God purposes to accomplish? How do we nurture our struggling faith with the love that God has for us so that we might love others like Jesus loves us?
9. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8.** Read it through inserting JESUS in the place that love appears. Then read it through inserting your own name. We need to ask the Lord to help us grow in loving one another like He loves us.