



A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of February 4, 2024

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Warm Up

- **Where have you seen love in action over the course of your life? What did it look like?**

1 Corinthians 12:31-14:1

Love

^{12:31} But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

^{13:1} If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And 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. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

- **Paul gives a few examples of spiritual gifts used without love. How does he describe them? What happens when our ministry is plagued by lovelessness?**

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

- **How would you define each of love's qualities?**
- **Which aspect of love do you most want to grow in?**

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a

man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

- **Paul summarizes the supremacy of love. Why is love greater than prophecy, tongues, and knowledge?**
- **Why do prophecy, tongues, and knowledge pass away when we see Jesus face to face?**

¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. ^{14:1} Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

- **How is love greater than faith or hope?**
- **What is an example of love powering a spiritual gift?**
- **Can love be learned? How do we grow in it?**
- **Paul is ultimately talking about God, who is love, and the love that gave God's only begotten Son. How would you describe the love of God in Jesus Christ?**
- **Reflect on this week's passage together, and use it as a guide for a time of prayer.**

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