

Sermon Discussion Questions
The Secret Ingredients to Community
1Corinthians 13
May 7, 2017

1. Last week we were encouraged to take a spiritual gift test online (on the Faith Church home page). Did you take it? What did you learn?
2. Do you know areas that you can use that gifting in the church? If not, ask your leader or contact one of the pastors/directors to find your next step.
3. Reread 1 Corinthians 13. What stands out to you? What is something you want to know more about or something you don't understand?
4. In the message, the secret ingredients to community were: L.O.V.E. This acronym was based on verses 4-8. The first secret ingredient was: Language. Our language with each other and internally should be marked by patience and kindness. Patience and Kindness are attitudes that express themselves through language (verbal and non-verbal). Share a story of a time recently when your language was marked by patience or the lack thereof. Talk as a group about what thoughts can help us deepen our commitment to learning to "speak" with kindness and patience.
5. The next secret ingredient is Opinions/attitudes. Which of the five that were listed spoke to you the loudest and why? (Not jealous, not boastful, not proud, not rude, doesn't demand it's own way).
6. (NO) Vengeance is the next secret ingredient. Similarly, which of the list resonated with you and why? (Not irritable, no record of wrong, doesn't rejoice in injustice, rejoices when the truth wins out).
7. Finally, the last secret ingredient is Endurance. What makes giving up easy? What makes giving up hard? Why does God choose these descriptions to include in His description of love (never gives up, never loses faith, always hopeful, endures through every circumstance)?
8. LOVE is THE KEY to community. How can your group keep this discussion and evaluation and "open topic" that you continue to reflect on and grow in? The challenge was to memorize 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Did you take the challenge? Strategize ways as a group to encourage one another throughout this week with the memorization goal.