

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. ...

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 NKJV

Forgiveness

1. Forgiveness is not about keeping score. It's about losing count.
2. Sometimes the worst done to you can bring out the best in you.
3. It's unforgiveable not to forgive.

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Ketchup on eggs—yes or no? Do you put ketchup on anything else weird?
- On a 1-10 scale, how functional is your family? How did you come up with your number?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Why do you think some of our biggest hurts often come from family?
- Read Matthew 18:21-22. What do you think Jesus is trying to communicate here?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Read 1 Corinthians 13:8. Share a time you felt like love failed you. How can still you see God's love at work?
- Remember the ketchup bottle? Is anything keeping love and forgiveness from pouring out of your life? How is God tapping on you?
- Words are powerful. Who do you want to build up with words this week?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Good Father, thank You for constantly accepting us back. Thank You for forgiving us first. Holy Spirit, we need Your strength to be able to forgive those who've hurt us. Give us the courage to go with Your love into our broken relationships. We pray this in Jesus' incredible name. Amen!

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Is there anyone you need to ask forgiveness from? Ask God to show you, and reach out this week.
- Write a letter of forgiveness, whether you send it or not, to someone who's hurt you badly. Then, act on it.