

Ephesians Part 24 – The Way of Love

August 14, 2022 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

- Icebreaker questions:
 - Who did you first have a crush on when you were young?
 - How is a crush different than *agape* love (that was talked about in the sermon)?
- The sermon (based on Ephesians 6:21-24) focused on the culture of love that God wants in His family. What do you remember about each of the main points? What stood out to you or impacted you?
- Jesus said that a time would come when the love of most people would grow cold. Do you feel that that is happening in our society? Is it something you have personally been struggling with?
- Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
 - 1 Corinthians 13 is known as the “love chapter. It comes between two chapters in which Paul teaches about using spiritual gifts. Why do you think Paul takes time to discuss love in this context?
 - What do we gain if we don’t have love?
 - Sometimes people like to think about which superpower they would like to have (e.g. would you rather be able to fly or to be invisible?). Which of the following would you rather have: the gift of prophecy, the ability to fathom all mysteries, faith that can move mountains, or love for others? Why?
 - Why do you think love is more important than the things listed in this passage?
 - Why might it be easy to use a spiritual gift without love?
- Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
 - Which of these descriptions of love stand out to you the most?
 - Which one(s) do you especially struggle to live out?
 - In what ways did Jesus live out this kind of love?
 - How do you think we can grow in these qualities?
- Read 1 Corinthians 13:8-13
 - Why will prophecy, tongues, and knowledge pass away?
 - How will we be different when we see Christ?
 - What is difficult about loving?
 - How could you show love to a difficult person this week?
- Spend some time praying that God would help you to increase in love. Ask for the Holy Spirit’s help. And pray for any needs in your group.