



1 Corinthians 13

Love is a topic our world gets wrong a lot
It's not just a romantic or physical thing
Paul talks about love in the midst of talking about church

Last week

- who has gifts and abilities from God?
- What are we supposed to do with our abilities?

- The Corinthians were all about spiritual gifts
- it became all about who had a better gift
- pride had crept into their serving of God

1 Corinthians 12:31

- it's awesome to use our gifts but we have to make sure we are using them properly
- be careful of your motivation

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

- you can do amazing things, even sacrificial things but if it is all about you than it's not right
- *it's so easy to get lost in this and forget it really about serving God and others
- *love must be our motivation

So, what really is love?

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

- List the ways Paul describes love and explain them in your own words.

- patient - consider the other person's timetable
- kind - just being nice and not a jerk
- does not envy - are you happy when other's succeed?
- does not boast - how do you handle your success?
- not arrogant - do you think you're better than other people?
- not rude - do your actions make people feel less than you?
- doesn't insist on own way - can you work with and get along with others?
- not irritable - the opposite of patient
- resentful - holding on to anger against people
- doesn't rejoice with wrong but rejoices with truth - some times love means telling someone they are wrong
- ver 7 - love cares for the other person no matter what, love doesn't ditch people

- What are some areas you could work on to more loving person?

1 Corinthians 13:8

- love is what will last