

## **1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (January 8, 2023)**

### **OPENING QUESTION:**

**SERMON DISCUSSION:** How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

### **BIBLE PASSAGE STUDY QUESTIONS: READ 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

1. Consider the gifts or actions Paul references in 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. What is the result if they are exercised without love? How does motivation impact the true value of what we do (1 Corinthians 4:5; 1 Samuel 16:7)?

2. Identify the descriptions of love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Select several of the descriptions and share a situation you have faced in which that facet of love was needed.

3. Paul says to the Corinthians, "I will show you a more excellent way" (1 Corinthians 12:31b). Then in chapter 13, he proceeds to tell them what **they should** and **should not** do to address their unloving behavior. From the previous passages below, discuss these behaviors and Paul's recommendations for a more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 3:3

1 Corinthians 4:6, 18

1 Corinthians 8:7-9, 13

1 Corinthians 10:33

1 Corinthians 11:20-22

1 Corinthians 12:21

4. Find the contrasts between the present and the future in 1 Corinthians 13:8-12. How does the promise of what is to come encourage you?

5. "So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." Why is love the greatest of these three things (Romans 8:24-25; 1 Corinthians 13:8,10,12,13; 2 Corinthians 4:18, 5:7)?