



WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Love Is....

Love is Patient

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

EXPLORING THE SERMON

- What did you hear?
- What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

VERSES FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude." 1 Corinthians 13:6

Paul says that patience is the most important aspect of love, as he lists patience first in his attributes of love in this chapter of Corinthians. The love that Paul describes is *agape* love, which represents not so much a feeling or emotion, but the type of love that seeks to serve and sacrifice for those around us.

Thomas says that if we do not have this kind of agape love in our lives, we will always be hungry for more. In order to see how well we are loving those around us, we need to analyze ourselves:

1. **Barometer** – *how well are you loving and serving those around you?*
2. **Catalyst** – *how can this measurement be a catalyst for how you can improve?*

Thomas says we need to start thinking about patience not as something we primarily receive, or a goal we can measurably achieve. Our patience can grow only when we give to others what we receive from God.

- *How patient would those around you say you are? How much patience do others have to extend to you?*
- *How much patience does God have to have with you? How can you better accept God's love and patience in your life?*

Heavenly Father, We give You thanks that no matter how far we run, give into selfishness, or fall short, that You will never desert us? Fill us with the patience that comes from accepting fully the love and patience you have for each of us. Help us grow in our ability to love and serve those around us. **Amen.**

