



WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Love Is....

Love and Truth

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

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

"...⁶ (love) does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth." 1 Corinthians 13:4-6

Throughout our time in 1 Corinthians 13:1-8, we have followed the thread of the characteristics of love, through which Paul outlines the essence of agape love. We have considered how agape love is not merely a feeling, but an action love that seeks to serve and sacrifice. This week, we focus on the characteristic of **truth**.

- *Truth is not merely a concept to be grasped, but is embodied within a person. In John 18:36-37, Pilate asks Jesus the question, "what is truth?" and Jesus keeps silent. How does Jesus' response teach us how He embodied the truth?*
- *How we can orient ourselves to practice the type of truth in which love rejoices?*

True love is the presence of justice and righteousness. If love is not represented by justice and righteousness, it minimizes the experiences of real pain in people's lives.

- *Consider how the crucifixion was the ultimate example of true love through justice and righteousness. Why did God not instead just look at the world and just say, "I forgive you?"*
- *Discuss how the crucifixion is a reminder to those in pain that we are never alone, and we are more loved and have more worth than we could ever imagine on our own.*

*Heavenly Father, thank you for your example of true love. Laying down the iniquity of us all at the cross was the ultimate example of justice and righteousness and we are thankful. Help us to embody justice and righteousness as we seek to love others better. Guide us with the help of the community of brothers and sisters with whom you have placed us. **Amen.***

