

# **WHAT LOVE LOOKS LIKE**

## **Love is Selfless, Love is Permanent, Love is Greatest**

### **1 Corinthians 13**

Ice Breaker: When have you seen God's love transform a person?

BACKGROUND: Paul's exhortation to love comes right smack in the middle of his instruction on spiritual gifts. While the Corinthians were gifted, they were also unloving, thus obscuring the Gospel and making any gifts useless.

THE BIG PICTURE: The purpose of the gifts of the Spirit is so that we can better love others, to equip us to love like Jesus!

DIGGING DEEPER:

#### **INTRO 1 Corinthians 13:1-3**

- Why is love so important?
- What are your motivations for doing ministry? How do we know that our ministry is built on love?

#### **LOVE IS SELFLESS 1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

- What does love look like? List the characteristics of what love is and is not, according to this passage. How has God demonstrated this kind of love?
- How does our love prove to the world that we are followers of Jesus?
- What can we learn from Christ's example about loving extravagantly and without limits?
- What does it mean to live a life of love? What does love look like in your life?

#### **LOVE IS PERMANENT 1 Corinthians 13:8-12**

- What is the significance of the contrast he makes between gifts, perfection and love?
- Why will gifts cease to be relevant? What will endure? Why?
- What feature of love sets it apart from all the spiritual gifts?
- How can we put childish things behind us in the way we love?
- What comfort and help is there in knowing that God knows us fully?

#### **LOVE IS THE GREATEST 1 Corinthians 13:13**

- How is love the greatest?

CONCLUSION:

- What does true love require of us?
- What keeps us from showing our love to others? In what ways can God's love free us to love others?
- How can we love one another and be a visible display of the Gospel?
- How can you apply what you learned this week in the "real world"?