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**Love Is Everything**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**Key Truth:** Genuine love is the outward overflow of those who have been internally changed by the radical love of God.

**What’s Love Got To Do With It:**

1. Agape love is not an optional quality for a Christian.

A. Love is the defining mark of a Christian.

2. Agape love is something we do not something we feel.

A. Love is a verb that shows up in our daily interactions

with one another.

3. Agape love is not self-centered but focuses on the

interest of others.

**Employing Your Spiritual Gift:**

1. You’re doing it all wrong if you are devoid of love.

2. There are temporary gifts but love never expires.

A. We should desire to use our gifts to build up the body

of Christ but should be known as people of love.

B. Would you pass the love test?

1. Are you impatient?

2. Are you prideful?

3. Are you argumentative and have to always be

right?

4. Are you messy and a gossip?

3. We are to mature and grow in our love for one another.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for showing us the nature of true love in Jesus. Never allow our focus on spiritual giftedness to take the place of genuine love for one another.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Read Ephesians 5:2. How did Paul define and understand love in this passage? Why must a person know the work of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection to love?

Revelation 2:1-7: Why did Jesus take them not loving one another so seriously? What did He threaten to do?

The Apostle John had a lot to say about love in action. Read the following verses taken from two of the books he wrote and note what insights about love you find:

John 13:34-35

1 John 3:14-18

1 John 4:20-21

How can these verses help you further understand what it means to put love into action?

How does Matthew 5:43-47 expand your thinking about what love in action looks like?

Take a minute to think about how you would evaluate yourself on each question using the scale below.

Am I harsh? (Almost never) 1 ------ 2 ------ 3 ------ 4 ------ 5 (Often)

Do I have to win? (Almost never) 1 ------ 2 ------ 3 ------ 4 ------ 5 (Often)

Am I self-centered? (Almost never) 1 ------ 2 ------ 3 ------ 4 ------ 5 (Often)

Am I easily angered? (Almost never) 1 ------ 2 ------ 3 ------ 4 ------ 5 (Often)