

[SERMON NOTES]

What is Love? – 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

Love is such an overused and under-defined word in our culture today. We use it for food and for our spouses and families! **Tell the story of a time when you realized that the word "love" was inadequate to describe the moment you found yourself in.**

[DIGGING DEEPER]

This week's message focused on one of the most popular and well-known chapters of the Bible that gets used in weddings all the time—1 Corinthians 13, the *love* chapter. Start off today by re-reading the main passage from this Sunday's message:

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

In this passage, Paul grounds his teaching on giftedness all on the foundation of love, and describes what our gifts and serving should look like through the lens of *agape* love. Take some time for further study on the priority and importance of love.

Read **1 John 4:7-12** (in several different translations if you have time). **Rewrite the passage in your own words.**

What are some things these verses teach us about God (Trinity)? (i.e. His plan for people, His attributes, His purposes for creation, etc.)

What are some things these verses teach us about people?

If you were to pull one thing from this passage to apply to your life to better follow Jesus as a disciple, what would it be?

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (*1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*). Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible, and ask yourself: *What does this teach me about God? Myself and others? And how do I follow Jesus better?*

1 Corinthians 13

1 John 4

Colossians 3

John 3