

BELPRES CHURCH

A CONVERSATION ABOUT LOVE

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¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends.

¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

- 1 John 4:19-21, 1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13 (NRSV)

Discussion Questions: Please Read 1 John 4:19-21, 1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13 (NRSV)

1. When in your life have you felt most loved? How did that love affect your life?
2. Look at 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, what activities are useless without love?
3. Look at 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Read it line by line and reflect on these three things:
 - a. What are ways we see these qualities in Jesus himself?
 - b. What are ways we see it (or more likely, don't see it) in ourselves
 - c. What are ways that we could decide to practically live it out?
4. How does love as described in these scriptures compare to love typically defined in our culture?
5. In your opinion, what is the best way to develop the ability to love others?