

Sunday Message: April 3, 2022

Real People. Real Church. Real Grace. | Love Defined

Danny Lamonte | 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Passage Exploration Questions

The primary translation our pastors use on Sunday morning is the ESV. You may find it helpful to use the ESV along with corresponding notes in the ESV Study Bible when reflecting on the questions below.

Read I Corinthians 13:1-7.

1 Go back and read vv. 1-3. Spiritual gifts are essential to the health of the church, but what happens if there is no love in using those gifts?

2 List what love is and isn't. For the moment, place this text back into context. Paul is speaking to the church about the use of spiritual gifts (not giving a wedding message). Next to your list, describe ways that church family can display and express love in notable, practical ways. Attempt to respond with what you could do, not necessarily what others should do.

3 Think back on Danny's sermon. How does the love list display God's own character and how He has acted in love toward us? How does this shape who you are? Consider pulling in other passages shared throughout the message.

Application & Spiritual Formation Questions

1

Do you ever feel like you are a person in process, but stuck, not moving forward, not knowing what you are progressing toward? What leaves you feeling that way and how does God's love enable you to move forward?

2

Would others categorically describe you as a loving person? As it pertains to the body of Christ, would the church consider you a loving person who displays the kind of love that is outlined in I Corinthians 13? Where does the Lord need to soften hardness in your heart to be more loving?