

Complete these questions *BEFORE* your Growth Group meets and then use your answers in discussion.

1 Corinthians 13

the most excellent way

TO PONDER:

What do you make of the world's understanding of "love"?

In this chapter, continuing on from where he left off in Chp 12, the apostle now shows "the most excellent way" (12.31).

Read 1 Corinthians 13.1-3

How do these verses stress the absolute necessity of love in true spirituality?

Which contrast strikes you the most? Why?

Read 1 Corinthians 13.4-7

To help us "hear" these famous verses, try to rewrite them by changing the main words.

Which of these phrases do you appreciate the most? Why?

As you think of yourself within our church family, which of these phrases convicts you the most? Why?

How does the presence of the Spirit of Christ give us comfort as we read these verses? (Read Galatians 5.22-26 also)

Read 1 Corinthians 13.8-13

What do we learn of love in see verses?

What important correction do these offer Christians overly focussed on gifts and reputation?

What important moment in time does Paul anticipate in the phrase "when completeness comes"?

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As you reflect on these verses and your life within our church:-  
what do you give thanks for?

what do you confess?

what do you ask for help with?

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* Pray together in response to this Word of God for us.