

Sunday April 24

LOVE, practically.

Love Matters

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. 3 If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

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Getting Started

- As we start a new series, "Love, Practically", share with your group- what does it look like for you to show love to the people in your life?
- How do you best receive love from others?
- Pray together: Lord, you give us the very best example of what love looks like. Sometimes, we struggle to follow it and to show love the way we would hope to do. Help us remember how you've modeled this for us, and love more like you do. Amen.

Sermon & Scripture Discussion:

Read this week's Scripture together, then discuss:

- Why do you think Paul places such a high value on love in this letter? What might have happened in that church to make this such an important point? How could this be applicable to us as a church today?
- Pastor Jevon said, "You replicate what you reward." How does this show up in your life? What about our collective life together?
- The tension that Paul points out is that we can DO all of the right things, but if our MOTIVES aren't right, we're still missing the point. Can you think of a time you've been in this kind of situation?
- What would need to happen for you to make love essential? What values would need to shift or be replaced? Practically, how would this show up in your actions, thoughts, or habits?

Prayer Requests

