

Sunday May 15

LOVE, practically.

Love When Things Aren't Clear

1 Corinthians 13:9-13

9 For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, 10 but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. 12 For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13 And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

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Getting Started

- This is our final week in the "Love, Practically" series! Share around your group one thing that has changed about your perception of this familiar section of Scripture.
- Pastor Rob said that we need other people to function as our mirrors- to help us see ourselves more clearly. Who are the mirrors in your life?
- Pray together: God, you don't promise us unlimited clarity, or all of the answers. But Jesus, even in the middle of our confusion and conflict, you do promise to consistently show us how to love. Let us follow your example in our relationships. Amen.

Sermon & Scripture Discussion:

Read this week's Scripture together, then discuss:

- Sometimes we struggle to see ourselves clearly and to see the people around us clearly as well. Why do you think we struggle with this?
- When have you had the opportunity to love someone in the midst of ambiguity or when there was a lack of clarity?
- Sometimes a lack of clarity leads to conflict, which necessitates reconciliation. What needs to happen in order for reconciliation to occur?
- In the Scripture, Paul says that faith, hope, and love are the essentials- and that love is the most important of the three. What do you make of this statement? What does it tell us about our Christian life?

Prayer Requests

