

PREACHING CURRICULUM

A Sacred View of Love

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. What five things does Paul mention that are of no value without the virtue of love? Can you think of any other things we might add to this list? What does this tell us about the priority of love?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. What does biblical love look like? Define and explain each of the characteristics of love mentioned in this passage.

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

What are some common ways love is understood and defined in our culture today? How do they compare with the biblical definition?

How well do you embody the attributes of love Paul discusses in this passage? Which attributes do you struggle the most with?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

As we assess our lives in light of the biblical definition of love, what do we do if we discover that we have fallen short of that standard?

How do we become people marked by love? What is the ultimate source of love?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

What would it look like for you to live out the virtue of love this week?