

## LUV U | Week #01

The Power of Misdirection | January 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

### What's the Issue Anyway?

It's not that we lack desire, but it's that our desire is often \_\_\_\_\_.

### Wisdom from the Corinthians' Misdirected Desires

1 Corinthians is one of the seven \_\_\_\_\_ Pauline letters.

Divisions and conflict had grown in the church's infancy, creating tremendous \_\_\_\_\_.

I Corinthians 12:27-13:3

Individual followers of Jesus collectively form \_\_\_\_\_ communities.

(12:27)

\_\_\_\_\_ in the church creates a healthy community. (28-30)

Paul believes spiritual gifts are good but not \_\_\_\_\_. (31)

Speech without love for one another \_\_\_\_\_ faith communities.

Spiritual Authority without love for one another \_\_\_\_\_ faith communities. (13:2)

Sacrifice without love for one another \_\_\_\_\_ faith communities. (13:3)

### Don't Miss This!

Regardless of talents and gifts, a faith community is \_\_\_\_\_ without genuine love for one another.

### What about my everyday, peacemaking life?

What \_\_\_\_\_ you when you serve at work, home or at church?

\_\_\_\_\_ love transforms any talent into a spiritual gift.

### How can this make me a better human and our world a better place?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ die when we are motivated by love for one another.

## What is God inviting you into today?

1. Attend the next few weeks to explore what genuine love is and how I can live it out.
2. Get connected at Crossroads by using my gifts and talents in a volunteer role.
3. I am feeling a nudge to lead a group where people can connect and support each other weekly.

## Thought Provoking Questions for Groups or Personal Reflection

1. What are two or three motivating forces in your life?
2. Have you ever given much thought to what spiritual gifts/talents you might have and how to use them in the context of a community of faith?
3. Why do you think Paul is so forceful in describing the emptiness of spiritual gifts without love?
4. Spiritual Gifts can be used for many different purposes other than love. Have you ever experienced people using their spiritual gifts in harmful ways? How did that affect your own spiritual life?
5. Jealousy is a powerful emotion, often causing us to wound ourselves and others. In your opinion, what is the root of jealousy and what is necessary to overcome it?