

LUV University | Week #02

It's Elementary, My Dear Corinthians! | January 20th and 23rd

What's the Issue Anyway?

How do we know if we are _____ in Christlike love or a counterfeit love?
Counterfeit love continually moves between _____ and _____.

What is love according to the wisdom of 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Paul starts by defining _____ agape love. (13:4a)

Kindness (other-regarding or altruistic love) is the _____ of moral and spiritual life in all the major world religions and in most successful virtue traditions.

Paul then describes the Corinthians' behavior as the _____ of agape love. (13:4b-6)

Pride puffs up, but Christlike _____ builds up.

Paul concludes with four _____ of agape love. (13:7)

Don't Miss This!

Christlike Love is the limitless power of kindness given to _____ without expectation of personal gain.

Growing in Christlike love in your everyday, normal life

Kindness is not a _____ reality in your life.

Growing in _____ is the key to growing in Christlike love.

When we lack empathy we grow _____.

Cultivate _____.

Step out of your _____.

Join a _____ cause.

How does this make the world a better place?

Every part of our lives is _____ affected by our ability to empathize and love like Jesus.

NEXT STEPS (What is God inviting you into today?)

1. I would like to read the article on Empathy Ryan mentioned. Please email me the link.
2. I would like to talk to someone about leading a connect group.
3. Read 1 Corinthians 13 every day this week.

Thought provoking questions:

1. Think of a time when someone invested into your life, showing you kindness without any expectation of you. How did that make you feel? Do you think that kind of love made you more or less likely to show kindness to others?
2. Paul lays out in simple terms what Christlike love looks like: patience and kindness. Take a few moments to explore the gospel stories of Jesus; think about stories you may already know. Where do you see Jesus acting patiently and with altruistic kindness?
3. What do you find the most freeing and the most challenging about Paul's description of agape love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7?
4. With whom, what or when do you struggle showing patience and kindness? Why do you think this person, place or circumstance is so challenging for you?
5. How could you grow empathy towards those difficult people, places or circumstances so that you might grow in your Christlike love?