

LUV University | Week #03

Love Never Fails | January 27th and 30th

What's the issue anyway?

Much of the hard work and wisdom of becoming a loving person is to first figure out what the _____ is.

I wish Jesus had said more about _____?

EGOISM _____ ALTRUISM

The WIIFM Factor: _____?

What wisdom can we gain from 1 Corinthians 13:8-10 about being loving when we're not exactly sure what to do?

Love never fails. _____...

Love is never _____ of its force.

To feel superior or inferior requires _____ and all comparison _____.

Two reasons why feeling superior is so damaging

1. Some gifts are _____. (vs 8)
2. All gifts are _____. (vs 8)

Here's the point!

Love fails when the one doing the loving is _____ by their own actions of love.

Love never fails when the one doing the loving _____ transformed by their actions of love.

It's love _____ the way down.

What does this mean for our normal everyday peacemaking lives?

We cannot give what we _____.

Love will never fail in me because I will _____ be transformed when I _____ God's love to others.

What is God inviting us into today?

What the world most needs is for us to become (or at least aspire to become) fathers and mothers who can claim for ourselves the _____ of true _____.

How do we develop the authority of true compassion?

1. Cultivate healthy _____.
2. Appreciate _____.
3. Laugh at _____.
4. Give people the _____.

NEXT STEPS

1. Talk to someone about leading a connect group.
2. Read 1 Corinthians 13 every day this week.

Thought provoking questions:

1. What is your working definition of love? What kind of a person do you find easier to love? What kind of a person do you find more difficult to love?
2. Dennis said that some of the hard work of love is figuring out the loving thing to do. In what situations do you find it difficult to figure out the loving thing to do?
3. 1 Corinthians 13:8 states that love never fails. Describe a situation from the past in which it seemed like love was failing and then you later discovered that it didn't. Describe a current situation in which you're wondering if love will really change the situation.
4. What harm does superiority and inferiority do in relationships? When are you tempted to feel superior? Under what conditions do you feel inferior? Respond to the statement: All comparison wounds.
5. When have you experienced the love of God or the love of another person? How has that helped you to reciprocate—to love God and love others?
6. Tell about a time in your life when you were like the younger brother or older brother in the story of the prodigal son (Luke 15). What does it mean that the father demonstrated the authority of true compassion? What would it look like if we demonstrated the authority of true compassion?
7. What one thing is God inviting you into?
 - a. Practice healthy humility
 - b. Appreciate mystery
 - c. Laugh at ourselves
 - d. Give people the gracious assumption
 - e. Other