



Give More Love

1 Corinthians 13

Weekend of December 12-13, 2020

NorthRidge Value of the Week

Service - We value serving God and each other, especially through the local church in the local community.

Sermon Summary

Love. True love. The world longs for it. The Bible is bursting with it. Love is the worthiest of all virtues to have and give to one another this Christmas— especially in the midst of a year like we've had which has been full of division. Today, we see from 1 Corinthians 13 that love is the unexpected power and wisdom of God to the world through the Christian and for the Christian.

Discussion Questions

What are your Christmas plans?

READ 1 Corinthians 13

Which list from Brax's sermon best describes you?

LIST 1

You give others space and time for their good.
 Delight to be kind towards people that don't deserve it.
 Desiring what is best for the other person.
 Your praise belongs to your heavenly Father.
 Humble.
 You delight to honor people.
 You insist on putting others before yourself.
 You've got a long fuse.
 Not a grudge-keeper or angered by inconveniences.
 Hates evil.
 Loves truth.
 Burdened for the good of others.
 Trusting of other people (even to your own hurt).
 Expects the best.
 Wins the staring-contest against hardship.

LIST 2

You need immediate gratification.
 You retaliate to show people that they can't treat you poorly.
 You want what others are/have.
 Your praise goes to yourself.
 You have a strong sense of pride.
 People are to be used for your enjoyment, whether in gossiping about them, slandering them, or lusting after them.
 You need to be at the front of the line or the front of traffic.
 You are short fused.
 You can easily recall the failures of others or how they've sinned against you.
 You believe everyone should do what feels right, which means you can do what feels right to you and you never have to have a difficult conversation with someone.
 You hate being told you're wrong.
 You believe everyone should fend for themselves.
 You don't trust anyone.
 You expect bad things to happen.
 Commitments are quickly given up on.

What would it take for you to consistently fit into list 1?

Who do you find it most difficult to love and humble yourself for?

What do we gain out of God's act of love?

Who do you know that needs to know that they are loved this Christmas?

Memory Passage

1 Corinthians 13:11-13 – “11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

Verses We Read Together in Worship

Philippians 2:6-11

Songs We Sang Together in Worship

Here is Our King

What a Beautiful Name

Here Comes Heaven

Oh, Holy Night

