

# STUDY GUIDE

## Refresh 08.30.2020

### [setting it up]

Share about a time when someone gave you advice (spiritual or practical) or did something nice for you, but you could tell their heart wasn't in it, to the point that you were convinced it was done without love. How did that go over? What was the outcome of that effort?

Why is the love (or lack of love) behind an action or effort more important to us than the actual action of effort?

### [digging deeper]

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7. Summarize these verses in one sentence:

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If you have the courage to share, what is the most immediate thought, conviction, or action that you feel God is impressing on your heart just from reading these verses?

It was said last Sunday that we are often more dedicated to being "right" than being "loving." How have you seen that to be true in recent weeks or months? How have you dealt with that if this relates to a personal interaction or experience?

Write down the 15 descriptions of this mature, spiritual, "Agape" love that God gives us the ability to receive and capacity to give others. Then expand on what each one means with a few words or a sentence.

1. Love is \_\_\_\_\_
2. Love is \_\_\_\_\_
3. Love does not \_\_\_\_\_
4. Love does not \_\_\_\_\_
5. Love is not \_\_\_\_\_
6. Love is not \_\_\_\_\_
7. Love does not \_\_\_\_\_
8. Love is not \_\_\_\_\_
9. Love is not \_\_\_\_\_
10. Love does not \_\_\_\_\_
11. Love \_\_\_\_\_
12. Love \_\_\_\_\_
13. Love \_\_\_\_\_
14. Love \_\_\_\_\_
15. Love \_\_\_\_\_

Which characteristic do you celebrate and thank God for increasing in your life when you came to Christ?

Which characteristic are you asking/trusting God do grow even more in your life?

*Optional exercise for more study.*

How do these verses echo, confirm, and relate to 1 Corinthians 13:1-7?

Romans 12:10

Philippians 2:4

Colossians 1:4-5

John 13:34-35

1 Corinthians 8:1

Galatians 5:22

## **[living it out]**

What is one action step the Lord has put on your heart from this time? When will you step out in faith to act on this? How can this group help you follow through?

Get into smaller groups and share the answers from the above two questions (repeated below) and then pray for each other with your prayer and share buddy:

- Which characteristic do you celebrate and thank God for increasing in your life when you came to Christ?
- Which characteristic are you asking/trusting God do grow even more in your life?