

## Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Nov 25-26, 2023

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

### The Importance of Love

(1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

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## Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Nate's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

How often, if ever, do you contemplate the "why" behind what you do?

If you do unpack the "why" at times, what do you find as the answer?

Is the answer you find healthy or unhealthy? Unpack this a bit with your group.

If you're potentially doing something good for a less than healthy reason, why should this matter?

What negative consequences can come out of an unhealthy "why?"

In 1 Corinthians 12:31, Paul speaks of a "... most excellent way."

What does or could it look like for you to live an experience like Paul is describing here?

Why might there be a tendency to elevate “spiritual gifts” or outcomes over the heart behind them?

Pastor Nate shared how the Pharisees had become focused on the letter of the law versus honoring the spirit of the law.

Where/when have you potentially fallen into a similar habit?

Or where/when have you recognized this in the past and made changes?

And what did it look like to change your perspective in this area?

Pastor Nate emphasized that Paul is not downplaying or negating the value of spiritual gifts or acts of kindness/service, instead Paul is elevating the importance of love – sharing how love is the foundational ingredient that makes anything we say or do infinitely more powerful/authentic.

What experiences in your own life have validated the above thought – or do you find yourself pushing back on this in any way? And why so?

If you struggle at times to tap into the “why” (the agape love) that Paul is describing, Nate points us to two different portions of scripture (Ephesians 3:14-19 and John 15:4-5).

Read these together as a group and talk about how what these verses are describing might help you find/express a more powerful “why.”

What, if anything, excites you about diving deeper into the “why” behind your actions?

What, if anything, causes you hesitation to dive deeper into the “why?”

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend’s message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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