

## Small Group Discussion Questions Following the Weekend of Dec 2-3, 2023

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

## How to Pour Love Into Your Relationships

(1 Corinthians 13:4-6)

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## **Group Interaction & Application**

Read aloud together 1 Corinthians 13:4-6.

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

If how you define love has changed through the years (from child/teen years to present), how has it changed and what has contributed to this change?

Within verses 4-6, Paul highlights three ways we should aspire to love those around us.

With Patience (13:4)

With Kindness (13:4)

And by Rejoicing in the Truth (13:6)

How natural is it for you to be patient with those around you?

What potential triggers, if any, cause you to have a short fuse?

If you've been able to develop greater patience throughout your life walk, what has this looked like and what steps have you taken to grow in this area?

How possible does it feel for you to respond in kindness to situations fraught with anger?

When do you find yourself more vulnerable to anger?

If you have found ways to steer your heart towards kindness and away from anger, what does this look like?

How vulnerable are you to responding emotively (or jumping to conclusions) verses exhibiting patience to uncover the truth when facing challenging relational encounters?

When you are effective in slowing down and seeking to understand, what does this look like for you? What helps you to respond in this manner?

What do you find yourself most frequently meditating on?

Depending on what this is, is it nurturing your heart or causing angst?

What thoughts/focuses consistently put your heart in a good place?

What thoughts/focuses consistently put your heart in a bad place?

Where, if anywhere, do you consistently find the source to exhibit a love like Paul is inviting us into?

If you struggle to find this source, what steps could you take to nurture your heart?

How fully do you feel like you are receiving the type of love Paul is describing from Jesus?

What helps you experience this type of love?

What gets in the way of you experiencing this type of love?

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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