

BELPRES CHURCH

The Way of Love

Icebreaker Question: What are you reading (or watching) right now that you'd recommend to the group?

Opening Question: Looking back to last week's discussion... How did you live differently or practice what we talked about in your life this week? What did you do and how did it go?

Scriptures:

1 Corinthians 13:1-4

"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud."

Scripture Reflection Questions: Read this week's scripture together and discuss the following:

- In 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, what are some of the things that Paul says are less important than love?
- Although the language in 13:1-3 is poetic in nature, given that Paul was speaking to a community, why do you believe he made such a strong emphasis on "love."
- What purpose do you believe that love has in this letter that Paul has written? I.e. For romance, for families, to be a better person, etc.

Sermon Questions: Reflecting on this week's sermon, discuss the following:

- Pastor Sergio shared how he learned what it was to be loved from his own dad. Who are the people in your life who have helped you know what it is to be loved? How did you learn this (in your family, in your community)?

- “Love is patient.” Pastor Sergio talked about relational patience and called us to be patient with one another as we grow as Christians in a multi-cultural setting. Where is this hard for you? Where do you see fruit already?

Closing Question and Application: Given what we’ve discussed together today, how might God want you to apply these learnings to your life or in the life of your community this next week? Who might you share this with?

Closing group prayer: Spend a few minutes together in your group sharing prayer requests and then praying together for each other. Take the challenging parts of your conversation to Jesus. Thank God for the time together, the conversation shared, the other people in the group, and for encouragement in the week ahead.