

Discussion Guide  
Series: *Breathe wk2 Love*  
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Big Idea

Love is the lasting virtue.



Icebreaker

What is your favorite part of the Thanksgiving meal? Who (be careful, this could be dangerous depending on who is in the room) made or makes that part of the meal the best?



Discussion Questions

1. Let's begin this time together by intentionally breathing. Following the "One Minute Pause" App format, take 3 breaths in silence. After you do, recite the following slowly & with intentionality:
  - "Jesus, I give everyone & everything to You."
  - "I give everyone & everything to You, God."
  - "I give myself to You, Jesus."
  - "I need more of You, God. Fill me with more of You."Take one more deep breath in & out.
2. This Sunday we spent our time in 1 Corinthians, Paul's Holy-Spirit inspired letter to the believers in the city of Corinth. From your knowledge, including that shared in the sermon, what was going on amongst believers in Corinth that prompted Paul's need to write to them regarding love for one another?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7a (ending with "... *bankrupt without love.*") (MSG). How essential is love? What is the result of exerting oneself in these stated ways without love? What does doing these things *with love* look like, versus doing them *without love*?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:7b (starting with "*Love never gives up.*") (MSG). Which of the descriptions of love surprises you the most, or do you find the most 'tension' in and why? How may you further process that tension?
5. From The Art of Loving (p.5), Erich Fromme writes this: "*Is love an art? Then it requires knowledge and effort. The first step to take is to become aware that love is an art, just as living itself is an art; if we want to learn how to love we must proceed the same way we have to proceed if we want to learn any other art, say music, painting, carpentry or the art of medicine or engineering.*"  
-As you consider this statement and what it communicates about love, why is it good news? How can you work on learning/growing when it comes to practicing the art of love?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 13:8-13 (MSG). Here Paul really communicates the following (fill in the blank): *Love is the \_\_\_\_\_ virtue.* What are we called to do, primarily, as we await the Complete (Jesus) to come? As you consider that, what specific action do you need to take?



Concluding Question

Think about Paul. How did he lead well by writing this letter of 1 Corinthians to the believers in Corinth? Are there ways you could lead well in a similar way? What are they & what could you do?



Prayer

Pray a prayer of thanksgiving & blessing for the veterans among us. Share any specific veterans you know that you would like to lift in prayer. Also, begin to pray for those who have made the decision recently to get baptized across our Revive Wesleyan Campuses...protection & a prepared heart as they embark upon this sacrament. Pray together: "*Lord, help us to live by faith, be known by love, and to be voices of hope.*"