

# 1 Corinthians

*A love affair  
with problems*



## Life Group Notes – 1 Corinthians 13 (Part 14)

- Icebreaker – What is your favourite love song? (or play a round of ‘guess the song from the lyrics’)

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

- What is Paul’s main point in these three verses?
- Why does Paul spend so much time focusing on love in the middle of his instructions concerning spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:31, 1 Cor. 14:12)?
- If Paul is suggesting that the Corinthian’s were not acting out of love, what then was their motivation? (Think about the issues Paul has written about in previous chapters)
- What does Jesus say our motivation should be (Luke 10:27)? How realistic is this?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

- In what ways do verses 4-7 stand as a rebuke to the Corinthian Church? (1 Cor. 1:11, 3:3, 4:18, 5:1-2, 6:7-8, 11:21 offer a few examples)
- If you replace the word Love with your own name, how far can you read before you start to feel uncomfortable? Why do we find this so hard?
- Are there any other misrepresentations of love that you see in the world today?
- Look at again at verses 4-7 in what way might these words be used to describe Jesus? How does this help us? (1 John 4:7-12)

Read 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

- Why does Paul emphasize to the Corinthians that Spiritual gifts are temporary (1 Corinthians 4:8)?
- Is there anything temporary in our lives that we put too much focus on?
- What do you think Paul means when he talks about putting the ways of childhood behind us?
- How might we focus on love more in the coming weeks?