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Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

**Where's one place you plan on traveling to this Summer?**

SHARE

Welcome back to Group! This week, Ryan gave a powerful message in follow up from last week about traveling even lighter. Throwing off our burdens to free us into playing offense for the Kingdom. Before we dive into the sermon, take some time to check in with your Group by answering these questions.

**What's one word that would describe your past week? Why did you choose that word?**

**What is one thing you feel like God is teaching you right now?**

**What was the most challenging part of your week?**

**What was the highlight of your week?**

GROW

## **Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7**

**How does this passage's outline on the explanation of love resonate with Ryan's message from Sunday?**

**What stands out to you the most when reading it?**

Love isn't a feeling but an action: a verb that compels us to freely share and give unto others. It is also light to carry, as Ryan mentioned in his message. "*Beloved*", we are called – meaning that we are already loved as we are. When we are aware of and know this truth, we can see others in that same way and lighten the atmosphere of any room.

Because love isn't what God does but who He is, He prioritizes it as the greatest commandment "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself...'" Matthew 22:37-39. Without it nothing matters.

As Christians, we are called to the greatest of these: faith, hope, and love. Faith is the assurance of what we can't see. Hope is Who we place that assurance, faith, in. Love is what we do because it is who Jesus is. Love was demonstrated no other way than the cross, putting His word into action. By growing in these three, we can experience an enriched life. Jesus died so that we can live life abundantly and to the fullest. Can you imagine living a full life without these three things?

**Which is easier for you-Faith, Hope, or Love? Which is the most difficult?**

**What can you do right now to increase your faith, hope, and love?**

M O V E

## 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

**Based on this passage, what are the three most important things to have as followers of Jesus?**

**How can those things help us carry a lesser load?**

Both the good and bad things of this world will one day fade away. Paul the Apostle reminds us of this truth: *“Love never comes to an end. The gift of speaking God’s Word will come to an end. The gift of speaking in special sounds will be stopped. The gift of understanding will come to an end”* (1 Corinthians 13:8-13).

Paul begins this letter with “Love never comes to an end ” reminding us that even the good gifts we carry will one day fade. Placing the importance of what carrying love has in this life and throughout eternity. Paul emphasizes that having faith and hope is the product of love.

As Christians we can so easily get caught up in our opinions on secondary issues. There seems to always be a division in current events that cause us to take either one side or the other. Love remains the same every time. It is the thing that, if we carry it well, will bring those two sides together. No matter how many good qualities we each have and live out well, without love, our works and gifts can be meaningless for the Kingdom. The current divisions and secondary issues are temporary but love is eternal. The words we said to one another in disagreements will not last. The opinions we hold on to without hearing one another will not last.

As Ryan talked about this week, Love is faith and hope in action. No matter what, we must live this out in every situation because we know Jesus who is love and who is the hope we place our faith in, wins in the end.

Paul writes at the very end of this passage in verse 13 “ *And now we have these three: faith and hope and love, but the greatest of these is love.*” Let your faith and hope in Jesus and the written word of God produce love in you so that in everything you may travel light. Letting nothing weigh you down.

**In what area of your life do you need the reassurance of your faith?**

**Who can you love better this week?**

P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

T O G O

- *“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love”.*  
*1 Corinthians 13:13*