

Week 5

BUILDING COMMUNITY – HOME GROUP NOTES

1 Corinthians Chapter 13

A passage often read at weddings but a description of God's 'gold standard' of love for all our relationships.

You could read this passage from 'The Message' and have a copy for each person to write notes on and highlight.

Make a list from the passage of all the things love is...
and all the things love is not...

God is love and Jesus personifies that love. He lived out a life of 'gold standard' love.

In pairs find examples from the Gospels of Jesus loving people in ways listed in your love is... list.

Share your examples with the group.

Jesus is our supreme example. We love because he loves us with an everlasting love. You could play some music, light a candle or have a time of silence now to reflect on Jesus' love for you and how He has shown you His love in your own life.

You may be aware of relationships that need more love from you. You may feel you have no more love to give.

In prayer we can bring to God the feelings we struggle with and ask for the will and the strength to love some more.

Take time to think and then pray for one another for a quality of love that you need at the moment. (this could be done in pairs)

Conclude by reading verses 4-7 again.