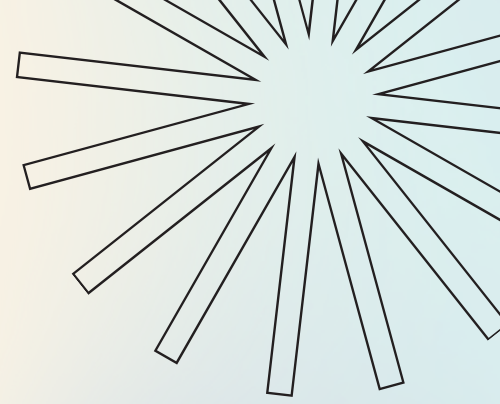


JOURNEY STUDENTS

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION



From Roots to Fruits: Love - 3/20/24

Do This

Go around the group and as quickly as they can have each student name a song or the lyrics to a song that includes the word "love" - Keep going until someone freezes or can't think of another song/lyric. That student is then "out" and you can start again!

Discuss This

- Think about all the ways that you've seen "love" portrayed in our society. (on television shows, in movies, internet, etc.) - Based on what you've seen, what would you say it means to really love someone?
- Why would Paul list "love" as the first "Fruit of the Spirit"? (Read 1 Cor. 13:13)
- So, what does "love" mean to you?
- When someone says "I love you", what are they saying about themselves and about you? Is it possible to love with God's love without knowing God? How is God's love different from human love?

Break It Down

Read 1 Cor. 13:4-7 and take a look at each thing that describes how to live love out:

1. Love is patient.

- Do you consider yourself a patient person? Why or why not?

2. Love is kind.

- Would the people who know you best say that you're kind?

3. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

- How are these 3 things connected?
- Why is comparing yourself to others never a good idea?

4. It is not rude.

- When was the last time you saw someone being rude? Why did they do that?

5. It is not self-seeking.

- What does it mean to be "self-seeking"? Is true love selfless?

6. It is not easily angered.

- Is it wrong to get angry? How can we be loving, even when we're angered?

7. It keeps no record of wrongs.

- Do you hold grudges? What good does holding grudges do?

8. Love doesn't delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth.

- What does that mean? Is "rejoicing with the truth" the same as hating lies? (How important is being honest to being loving?)

9. Love always protects, trusts, hopes, perseveres.

- Who is someone that you really trust? (Does that person protect you? How?)

Now, can a better understanding of God's definition of love help us live and love better? How?

