



This week, Corey continued our series on 1st Corinthians by preaching about cruciform love.

## READ

1 Corinthians 13

## REFLECT

1. Corey began his sermon by pointing out Paul's belief that love is "the great authenticating mark of success and spirituality." What does he mean by that?
2. Corey said "what shows the legitimacy of your faith is not doctrinal knowledge, not spiritual activity, not how much you give away or how much you do or accomplish or serve or how impressive other people think you are, not your giftedness, not the deep emotion you feel or strict discipline you practice - those things in themselves mean nothing, the only true measurement of a life is love!" How might this alter our perspective in how we engage with others?
3. What metrics are you using to assess whether you live a worthwhile life?
4. CS Lewis said "the desire we often call *love* on Earth, they recognize in hell as *hunger*." What examples have you seen of this inward or selfish aspect of our definition of love. How does the cruciform love discussed here by Paul and illustrated by the life of Jesus counter this definition.

## PRAY

- + Confess to God how often we focus on loving ourselves and our own preferences instead of loving God and our neighbors.
- + Ask God to help us better live in the identity He has given to us.
- + Thank God for providing cruciform love in Christ!
- + Pray for spiritual renewal and revival in our community.

## PRACTICE

- + Corey said that in order to learn how to tap into this cruciform love, we need to first "admit we don't know how to love," secondly "go to school," and finally "meet love as a person." Spent some time on your own and then discuss this application with your group in order to come up with a game plan for how to do this. How can you go to school and grow in cruciform love?