



# MARCH 19

## CHRIST, CULTURE & THE CROSS

### LOVE IS...



### GETTING STARTED

This weekend we continued in our series, *Christ, Culture & the Cross*. We spent some time studying the very well known and much quoted chapter, 1 Corinthians 13—often referred to as the Love chapter. As we unpacked this chapter, we learned that *Jesus is our definition of love* and we learned how that leads us to experience and show a love that is intentional and sacrificial.

*REMINDER: This is our last week of Life Groups for the Winter Life Group Session. For your study, you will spend some time discussing this weekend's message and study, as well as reflecting on some of your favorite memories and most important lessons from this session. We will also be taking communion together.*

As you begin this study, take a moment and meditate on the verse below. Then take a few moments and write down what stands out to you most about this verse.

*This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. **1 John 4:9***



### STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What was one new insight about love that you took away from this weekend's message?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 13. Take some time and write down any words or phrases that stand out to you. Why do those words or phrases stand out? Based on the words and phrases that you wrote down, is the Holy Spirit revealing anything new to you about how you show love and what "true" love (the way Jesus loves us) looks like?
3. Now, read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. Take some time and write these verses out in your own words. What is the point Paul is making?
4. Finally, read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. In these verses, we read what love **is** and what love **is not**. Love is made evident through our actions. Write out all of the action words in these verses. What do these verses say that love is not?
5. Read the following verses and write down how Jesus demonstrated His love to us. What might it look like for you to love like Jesus?

- Romans 5:6-8
- 1 John 4:7-21
- Matthew 5:43-45

6. This weekend Dre shared that *Jesus Is Our Definition of Love*. As you look back over your life, how have you defined love? As you have grown in your walk with Christ, how has that definition changed? Based on the teaching this weekend and having read and studied 1 Corinthians 13, how would you now define love?
7. Dre shared that “*We can’t love until we live in the love Jesus has for us.*” How did this statement strike you? Have you ever stopped and spent time asking Jesus to reveal how much He loves you? Take a few moments and do that now. Write down anything that He reveals to you about how He has loved and does love you.
8. Scan the QR code below and take some time to listen to the song Jireh, short for Jehovah-Jireh. Jehovah-Jireh is simply a name given to God and means “*The lord will Provide.*” This name is first seen in Genesis 22:14 when God provides a ram in the thicket in place of Abraham’s son, Isaac. Abraham then named that place Jehovah-Jireh. When we are struggling to love the way Jesus has loved us, we can ALWAYS cry out to our Jehovah-Jireh and ask Him to help us to love others well, because He is the great provider!

SCAN HERE:



- a. After having listened to the song, what are some key words and phrases that stood out to you? Did any words or phrases bring you comfort? If so, why?
9. As you look back over your life, do you have an example of someone who loved you well? What about how they loved you aligned with the way Jesus loves us? How did the way they love you impact your life? Has the way they loved you caused you to love differently?



## LOOKING BACK

In the first 7 weeks of this Life Group session, we were in a series titled *Worldview ... Renewing Your Mind*. What was one important new insight that you gained from this series? How have you applied that insight in your life? Has God given you any opportunities to love people well who have a different worldview than you?



## COMMUNION

We celebrate communion to remember what Christ has done for us on the Cross. When we participate in communion, we are celebrating the Gospel. This week you will be celebrating communion in your Life Group. To prepare for this, read and reflect on Matthew 26:26-30 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.