



Discussion Questions • 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

1. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
2. 1 Corinthians 12:31b states, “And yet I will show you the most excellent way.”
 - a. What ‘way’ is this referring to?
 - b. How does this help us understand 1 Corinthians 13?
3. 1 Corinthians 13 fits within the broader context of Paul addressing the gathering of Christians in general (chapters 11-14), and the utilization of spiritual gifts when they are gathered in particular (chapters 12-14).
 - a. In the past how have you understood where 1 Corinthians 13 is to be applied?
 - b. As you see a its most natural application is to the life of a local church; Does the living out of this most excellent way change?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. One of the most poignant ways to read this text is to insert our names into where the word *love* appears.
 - a. When you do this, which areas do you believe describe you the *least* accurately? Give an example of why you believe this to be true.
 - b. Take a few moments to recognize others in your group for a description that you believe *accurately* describes them. Provide an example for why you believe this to be true.
5. The fact that love endures, but particular gifts will fade, is supposed to propel us toward focusing more on others than on our own gifts. In 1 Corinthians 14:1 Paul commands the Corinthians to *follow the way of love* and to *desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy*.
 - a. Why does Paul tell the Corinthians to *especially desire prophecy*?
6. As a way to live out the commands to *follow the way of love* (putting others above ourselves) and *desiring the greater gifts* (1 Cor.12:31a), identify the weaknesses and issues that you see within (a) the life of Northview in general, and (b) your community group in particular?
 - a. In what ways can your group lean in to be the solution to these problems for the benefit of others?

OPTIONAL: Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon?

Wrap Up and Prayer

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Pray for each other along with other requests.