

February 3, 2019
Series: I Want to Know What Love Is
Part 1: Love Is Required
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1. Ted played some love songs from the 80's in his introduction. What is one of your favorite love songs?

2. Sunday's text was I Corinthians 13:1-3, which was an introduction to the series on what love is. Read these verses and discuss the following questions:
 - *Which things mentioned are connected to the gifts listed in I Corinthians 12?
 - *What trumps every gift?
 - *How serious is a lack of love?
 - *How did Jesus model loving people?

3. What are some examples of "non-essentials" that have divided people?

4. Is it easy for you to show love in conflict? If so, how and why? Do you have an example of someone's approach causing hurt and damage?

5. Psalm 141:3 says, "Set a guard over my mouth, LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips." Is there anything you would not have said this week if you were always praying this prayer with a sincere and longing heart?

6. I Corinthians 8:1 says that knowledge puffs up while love builds up. How has someone built you up with love, or how have you been able to build up another with love?

7. Do you know someone who might be called a "mean" Christian? What does that look like and what causes "meanness"?

8. Who do you listen to? Why? Who will you let correct you? Why?

9. What are motives for people to give? Would you call yourself a "cheerful giver"?

10. Matthew 6:4 says that if you give in secret, our "Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." How do you think God rewards those who give in secret?

11. John 13:34-35 says, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
 - *Since God IS love, how is loving one another a "new command"?
 - *Who and how do we love, considering Jesus said, "As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

12. How did you react to I Thessalonians 4:10 encouraging us to love "more and more"?