

CBF Discipleship 1.0 – Lesson 6 – Love

Name: _____ Date: _____

When you hear the word, “LOVE”, what comes to mind? _____

Read the following from 1 Corinthians which talks about love

1 Cor 13: 1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. **2** And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. **3** And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. **4** Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; **5** does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; **6** does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; **7** bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. **8** Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. **9** For we know in part and we prophesy in part. **10** But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. **11** When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. **12** For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. **13** And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Describe in your own words from the above verses	Answer
What is love?	
What is NOT love?	

Read about the Good Samaritan and how love is explained

Luke 10:25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" **26** He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" **27** So he answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" **28** And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." **29** But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my

neighbor?" 30 Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' 36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" 37 And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Does your description of love from 1 Corinthians 13 fit within how Jesus illustrated love above with the Good Samaritan parable? (Yes or No)

What was Jesus' answer to the lawyer's first question (Luke 10:27)?

- Love the _____
- And you shall Love _____

Describe below what each person did and did not do to demonstrate love in the parable above

	Priest	Levite	Good Samaritan
Did do			
Did NOT do			

Understanding "love" as defined in the bible is important. The Greek word for love in 1 Corinthians 13 and Luke 10:27 is "agape" which is the highest form of love in that it's unconditional to God and other people. There are no strings attached with this form of love, you are not expecting anything in return. Given that understanding, what additional insights do you have from 1 Cor 13 and Luke 10?

1 John 3:18 states "My little children, let us not love [agape] in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth."

- What does this mean to you? _____

- Note that this verse does not state we don't verbally communicate our love, but that our actions need to be consistent with what we are saying
 - To say one thing and do another would make one a hypocrite
- How is 1 John 3:18 emphasized with the Good Samaritan Parable?
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- Read John 14:15, John 21:17. How is the principle from 1 John 3:18 applied for each verse? _____

So, why do we love?

- Read John 13:34-35
- Because Jesus _____ loved us

Who are we to love first then second? (see Luke 10:27 above)

An important aspect of agape love is that it is sacrificial. Read the following verses:

- John 3:16
- Ephesians 5:25

What do these verses mean to you? _____

Summary from today?

Questions to reflect on?	Answer
What truths have you learned today?	
Given what you have learned and/or decided, are there any areas you need to take to the Holy Spirit in prayer?	
What actions should you take in your life to demonstrate what you have learned and committed to?	