



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Stand Firm & Act Like Men: Love Is...
November 20 & 23, 2025
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2025 Fall trimester: August 18 – December 8.

2026 - Spring trimester: 1/5 - 5/11 **Summer trimester:** 6/1 - 7/27 **Fall trimester:** 8/17 - 12/7

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Christmas Toy Drive, November 13-30 - Share the love of Jesus in a tangible way this holiday season by donating NEW toys to foster care families. Toys can be dropped off at either Hope's Closet® store or in the marked bins located in the Eleven22 campus lobbies. Visit Coe22.com/localmission for a list of approved toy donations.

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

Action Step Review: Last week's action step: *"If you don't know, ask your wife what her love language is. Commit to pursuing and cherishing her in her love language in big and small ways. You may need to plan things out and put them on your calendar. Remember, these aren't tasks to get done, they are tangible ways to show how much you love her."* How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

The Point: Passivity is holding back your strength/manhood for self-preservation. Aggression is expressing your strength/manhood for self-gratification. Love is leveraging your strength for others through self-sacrifice.

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; 16:13-14; John 15:13; Romans 5:8; Galatians 5:22-23; 1 John 4:7-8; 10;
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Discussion Questions

Leaders: Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. But there's no need to answer *every* question. The goal is to get your group members talking more than you.

- **Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**
- **Which of the descriptions of love in 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 do you struggle with the most and which are the easiest for you?**
- **“Love is patient and kind;” patience is the passive reaction of love in tough circumstances. Kindness is the active action. Discuss what this means and how you have lived this out. (Passivity is holding back your strength/manhood for self-preservation. Aggression is expressing your strength/manhood for self-gratification. Love is leveraging your strength for others through self-sacrifice.)**
- **(Leaders, set a timer for this one.) “Love does not envy or boast;” spend a few minutes right now looking at the texts you’ve sent to your spouse/loved ones lately. How are you building them up, encouraging them and celebrating their successes, and how are you showing envy, criticism and one upmanship? (Love is jealous FOR, not jealous OF. Envy and boasting says, “Yeah but what about ME?” Love always says “it’s not about me.”)**
- **“It is not irritable or resentful;” what unforgiveness or unhealed wound are you carrying, or what are you defending that leads to irritability or resentment?**
- **“It does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.” Share a time when your spouse/loved one did NOT keep score in your relationship or a time they gave you grace.**
- **Discover:** Read 1 Corinthians 13:11. Share how you have surrendered a childish way and how it positively impacted your marriage or relationship.
Deepen: Where in your life can you admit you’re still acting like a child? (Men, remember, when you’re being rude, cocky, making sure you get your way and getting the last word, you’re not being tough. You’re acting like a toddler.)
- **Read 1 John 4:7-21 and Galatians 5:22-23. If you’re thinking, “I need to be more loving,” the answer isn’t to just try harder. Discuss how you can lean on Jesus and His Word to allow him to change you to love like He does. (When you surrender your life to the Lordship of Jesus you allow the power of the Holy Spirit to guide you in loving well, and to conform you more to the image of Christ. In your relationship with your loved one you can also be quick to show gratitude, attend church regularly together, pray together, choose to believe the best about each other, and be the lead repentor, apologizer and worshipper.)**

Action Step: 1. Every morning this week read 1 Cor 13:1-13 inserting God for “Love.” Meditate on receiving God’s love and ask the Holy Spirit to use you as a conduit to share His love with your spouse/loved ones and others.

2. Pray and ask the Lord to reveal any areas of unforgiveness, bitterness or old wounds in your marriage or close relationship. Pray with each other for healing, repent and forgive.

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