



Comfortable Christianity

Love & Gifts in a Self-Focused World

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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GETTING STARTED

- What impresses you more, someone's talents or their character?
- Have you ever experienced someone using their gifts in a way that felt more about them than others?

Take a moment to pray: ask God to speak to your heart as you reflect on what it means to be Spirit-filled and love-led.

INTO THE WORD

Read: 1 Corinthians 13:1–3

Paul's tone here is sharp not sentimental. The church in Corinth had all the spiritual gifts, but Paul says that without love, even the most impressive gifts amount to nothing.

Prophecy, tongues, generosity, and even faith can all be done without love. And when that's the case, they're just noise.

In a world (and church) that sometimes celebrates gifting over godliness, Paul's words are a wake-up call.

Key Thought:

Gifts are given for building others up but love is the foundation that gives those gifts value.

GOING DEEPER

Read: 1 Corinthians 13:4–8a & Galatians 5:22–23

Paul now paints a picture of what love looks like not in feelings, but in actions. Love is patient and kind. It doesn't boast. It isn't proud or self-seeking. It's not a platform. It's a posture one shaped by Christ and formed in us by the Spirit.

Cross References:

1 Cor 12:7 Gal 5:22–23 John 13:35

Reflection Questions:

1. What gift has God given you to serve others?
2. Are you more drawn to gifting or to godliness?
3. How does your life reflect the love described in 1 Corinthians 13?
4. What might need to shift in your heart or habits to love more like Jesus?

Living It Out

This week, focus less on what you do and more on how you do it. Whether it's at church, home, work, or school do it in love. Look for someone to encourage, bless, or serve without needing to be seen.

Memory Verse

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13

PRAY