

The Final Priority: Pursue Love

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- 1. List the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and discuss their correlation with the characteristics of love in 1 Corinthians 13:
 - a. What is the human role in manifesting love in our lives? (1 Corinthians 13)
 - b. What is the divine role in manifesting love in our lives? (Galatians 5:22-23)
 - c. How do we love in obedience to the Lord?
 - d. If we view loving others as a commandment from God (John 15:12) instead of a suggestion, how will that change the way we treat people?
 - e. Discuss the difference between the definition of our love in our culture and the kind of love God commands us to have.
- 2. What was the "new commandment" Jesus gave His disciples in John 13:34?
 - a. Why did He single out this one behavior? Of what is love the primary evidence? (John 13:35)
 - b. How "new" was this commandment? (Leviticus 19:18) Was it the commandment that was new, or the way it was to be used as a marker for the community of Jesus' disciples?
- 3. What impact does lack of love have in terms of identifying the Christian community?
- 4. How can your group work on reflecting God's love to those in the community around you?
- 5. What is the measure for how we are to love one another? (John 13:34) Expand on ways in which we can do that.

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