

Love Never Fails — Small Group Discussion

(1 Corinthians 13:4-8a; Romans 5:20)

1. What does the word *agape* mean to you?
2. Why do you think God defined this word for us in Scripture?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a. What is your understanding of *patience* or *suffers long*, depending on the translation?
4. After hearing the sermon, has your understanding of that term changed? If so, how?
5. Do you find it difficult to suffer long?
6. Have you ever experienced someone loving you by suffering long with you? If so, who? Can you share the story?
7. While suffering long, we are also to be kind. Does this come naturally? If not, how can we learn to be kind while suffering long with someone?
8. Which of the 15 characteristics of love is most difficult for you and why? How can you work to change that?
9. Share an example where you saw our church love someone well.
10. How will your small group love each other better going forward? What are practical steps you can take?
11. How can our church love those who are dealing with abortion or considering abortion? How will our small group be a part of that?

12. Read Romans 5:20. The word describing the magnitude of grace in this passage has the same root as the word that describes the magnitude of sin. But with grace, a prefix is added to make it say “hyper.” Where sin abounds, grace *hyper-abounds*. Discuss how this relates to abortion, paying particular attention to anyone in the group who might have been involved in an abortion in any way.



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