



**Topeka Bible Church**  
**NextStep, Message #10:**  
***"Your Next Relational Step: All You Need is Love"***  
**Community Group Study Questions**  
**Matthew 22:36-40; 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a; John 13:34-35**

1. What sort of answer do you think the Pharisees were expecting Jesus to give (*Matthew 22:36*)? Was Jesus' answer a surprise to them (*Matthew 22:37; Deuteronomy 6:5*)? How might His answer have been a rebuke to them (*Matthew 23:37-38*)?
  
2. Which commandment is greater: Loving God or your neighbor? How do you love your neighbor as "yourself" (*Matthew 22:39; Leviticus 19:18*)? How do these commands emphasize love as a commitment rather than a feeling?
  
3. What is Paul's point in *1 Corinthians 13:1*? What is the most important factor when using one's spiritual gifts? What difference, if any, would a loving motivation make in the effectiveness of Paul's speaking in tongues?
  
4. Again, what good is spiritual knowledge (*1 Corinthians 13:2*) and sacrificial acts (*1 Corinthians 13:3; 2 Corinthians 9:7*) without love? Why is love such a big deal to God (*1 John 4:7*)? Have you ever served outwardly without the proper motivation?

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5. As you read through the description of “love” in *1 Corinthians 13:4-8a*, can you see how love is an action rather than a feeling? Of the 15 verbs listed, which ones are of particular struggle for you? How does love “bear, believe, hope, and endure” all things (*1 Corinthians 13:7*)?

6. Why is our love for one another so important to the watching world (*John 13:34-35; Matthew 5:14-16*)? Give some examples of how others have loved you in a radical way. Has anyone ever asked you about your faith based on the way that you love others?

7. **NextStep APPLICATION:** How are you doing at loving your neighbor “as yourself?” If love is really an action, what are some specific ways that you can live out your love in action this week (*1 John 4:11*)? Who can you tell to hold you accountable?

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**Memory Verse:**

**“(Love) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (8) Love never fails.”**

**(1 Corinthians 13:7-8a, NASB)**

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