



STUDY GUIDE

Messy: Love

WEEK OF May 19, 2019

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

CONNECT

1. What impacted you the most from Pastor Troy's message?,

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2. For questions 2-4 unpack the verse referenced in light of the employment of gifts. What is the implication of the verse in question if the gift reference is used in a vacuum? How the wrongful deployment of the gift hurt the church? Discuss 1 Cor 13:1
3. 1 Cor 13:2 (Refer to question 2 for instructions)
4. 1 Cor 13:3 (Refer to question 3 for instructions)

- 5. If what Paul is saying is true, in 1 Cor 13:4 about love being patient and kind, what does this reveal about the patience and kindness of God who gives these gifts? Connect this with the following verses; Exodus 34:6, Numbers 14:18, Psalm 86:5,15 and Joel 2:13, and 2 Peter 3:9**

- 6. For questions 6-10; unpack the phrase in question, give examples of ways in your life that you struggle with the negative quality listed, and finally how does the Gospel free us to “put off the flesh” in NOT being those things. First is “Love does not envy or boast.”**

- 7. “It is not arrogant or rude” (Refer to question 6 for instructions)**

- 8. “It does not insist on its own way” (Refer to question 6 for instruction)**

- 9. “It is not irritable or resentful” (Refer to question 6 for instruction)**

10. “It does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth” (Refer to question 6 for instruction)

11. In 1 Cor 13:7, what are the four virtues of love that Paul lists? What are they? Which one do you think comes easy to you, and what one do you struggle with? How can you use your strongest one to encourage others?

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12. In what practical ways this week can you learn to be more loving? Which one of the “Love is” or “Love is not” do you need to work on?

13. In what ways is this message of Love counter-cultural to our society today?

