



STUDY GUIDE

Messy: The Greatest Gift

WEEK OF May 26, 2019

1 Corinthians 13:8-13

CONNECT

1. What impacted you the most from Sam Houston's message?

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2. Considering the context of 1 Cor 12-14 which Paul is talking about the gifts why in 1 Cor 13:8 is he stressing that "love never ends"? What should this tell us about the employment of spiritual gifts?
3. Unpack the phrase "As for prophecies, they will pass" in light of the phrase "Love never ends."
4. Read Genesis 11:1-9 in light of 1 Cor 13:8, why will it matter that "tongues will cease"?

- 5. Why is it important in 1 Cor 13:8 that “Knowledge will pass away”? Considering the context of the church at Corinth, why is this a good thing? Conversely, should this discourage us from seeking wisdom and knowledge?**

- 6. Unpack 1 Cor 13:10 what does Paul mean when he says, “when the perfect comes”. What do you think he means in light of Paul talking about the gifts?**

- 7. In 1 Cor 13:11, Paul contrast the difference between himself as a child and himself as being a man. Why does he do this? Where in the church do we see childish behavior today?**

- 8. In the Roman times in which Paul was writing, mirrors were rare and they were not like the mirrors that are around today in that they were made of bronze and could not give a true reflection of what was present. What does this tell us about the role of sin (imperfections) play in our ability to love?**

- 9. Read Numbers 12:8 and Exodus 33:11 and connect that with 1 Cor 13:12, what is the importance of seeing “face to face”?**

10. In 1 Cor 13:13, Paul tells us that out of faith, hope, and love that love is the greatest. Why is this important?

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11. What does it mean to you and the people around you that God will never give up on you?

12. If what Paul is saying is true and that love never fails, what does this tell us about the staying power of love? Are there people in your life that you have given up too soon on and need to go back to loving them (Often in spite of themselves)?

13. Grace's motto is "making disciples of Jesus Christ across the street and around the world." How would greater love impact Grace's evangelism (across the street) and mission (around the world) strategies? In what ways can you play a greater part in this?

