DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of February 23, 2025

One of the best things you can do after hearing truths from the Word of God is to talk about them with others. Here are some questions to help get the conversation started. (hint: the first couple of questions are meant to "break the ice" and get people talking)

- Since we're talking about love, what's your favorite (or cheesiest) love song or romantic movie?
- Other than a person, what are 2 things that you love?
- How do people in our culture typically define love, and how does that compare to the biblical definition in 1 Corinthians 13?
- Have you ever experienced a time when someone said they loved you, but their actions didn't align with their words? How did that affect you?
- Paul describes love without action as a "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal" (1 Cor. 13:1). How have you seen empty words lead to resentment in relationships?
- Why do you think truth alone, without love, can lead to resistance rather than transformation? Can you think of a time when someone tried to help you, but it didn't feel like love?
- In what ways do people sometimes substitute gifts for real love? How can we ensure our generosity is motivated by true love rather than obligation or expectation?
- The sermon described biblical love as patient, kind, humble, and not self-seeking. Which of these qualities do you find the most challenging to practice, and why?
- How does our relationship with Jesus change the way we love others? Can you think of a time when walking closely with Jesus helped you love someone better?
- The sermon emphasized that we cannot truly love on our own—it requires divine enablement. How can we practically rely on Jesus to transform our love for others?
- Take some time to pray together.