

10. What does this passage teach us about the nature of God's love?  
(One way to begin is to talk about Jesus and His sacrifice for us).

11. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss, or expand upon?

## Personal Reflection

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1. How can you incorporate some of what you learned from this study into your daily walk with God?
2. Does this study challenge the way you've prioritized spiritual disciplines? Do you need to refocus your heart?

## Looking Ahead

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Next week's message will focus on Revelation 21. Take time to read the chapter and come prepared as we study how this passage gives us the assurance of where time and history are heading.

## Connecting Further

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The Thing We Long For Most  
1 Corinthians 13



# Life Group Study Notes

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Message from Sunday November 10, 2013  
Village Green Community Church  
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Study based  
on  
1 Corinthians  
13:1-13

## This Week's Message

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It is almost two thousand years old and yet continues to be read at many wedding ceremonies. It's description of love and the characteristics that make it evident have long been quoted in the context of relationships. In this message we look at love: biblical love, and why it remains such an important part of our lives.

## Study

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The study is structured a little differently this week. It is tied somewhat to the structure of the message and deals with the passage in three parts.

1. What is the context of 1 Corinthians 13? Why did Paul feel compelled to write this as he was dealing with the church at Corinth?

### Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

2. Talk a little about the different gifts mentioned in this section and the way they are contrasted with love?
3. Can spiritual gifts become a potential breeding ground for pride? Why? How do we guard against this happening?

### Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

4. This is the most recognized part of the chapter. In reading the list, are these sentimental or behavioral characteristics? Based on your answer, what does this teach us about the biblical view of love?
5. From the list, which is most difficult for you, and which is the easiest?
6. What sticks out to you about this definition of love when compared to the way most people define love?
7. Verse 7 is the climax of this section. What does it teach us about the nature of love?

### Read 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

8. What does this section teach about the limits of spiritual gifts?
9. Talk a little about the way this passage contrasts the temporary things with the eternal things? What does this teach us about where we should focus our energy?
  - a. As individuals?
  - b. As a church?
  - c. Take a moment to reflect on our Mission Statement as it relates to this study?