

Sunday May 1

LOVE, practically.

Practical Love

1 Corinthians 13:4-6

4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

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Getting Started

- As we get started today, take a look at the handout we received in worship (or find it online at our website). Take a few minutes to discuss this before you continue to the rest of your group time.
- Pray together: God of love, help us take risks to love the people around us. Show us how we need to grow and make us open to what your Holy Spirit might do in us. Amen.

Sermon & Scripture Discussion:

Read this week's Scripture together, then discuss:

- Paul claims that love is the solution to the problems that people were experiencing in Corinth. Do you think this is applicable to our circumstances today?
- Agape love is the highest form of love. It is self-giving and sacrificial and is how God loves us. What makes this type of love unique? How can we express agape love in our lives?
- Look again at the Scripture for this week- which of these characteristics of love is most evident in your life? Which could use further development?
- Sometimes love calls us to take a risk- saying hello to a stranger, giving up something important to us, or starting a new worshipping community like we will be doing at St. Luke's Midtown. What is a risk that you feel God might be nudging you to take as you see to love others well?

Prayer Requests

