



Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Dec 9-10, 2023

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

Five Enemies of Great Relationships

(1 Corinthians 13:4-6)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together 1 Corinthians 13:4-6.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

Within these verses, Paul highlights five enemies of love (listed below). Rather than feeling the need to unpack each of these, maybe spend time on areas where you experience greater struggle or where you've experienced breakthrough.

Envy (vs. 4) – To zealously desire something you don't have.

How prone are you to envy?

Where are areas you're especially vulnerable to envy?

If gratitude is the antidote to envy, how effective are you in changing the narrative from envy to appreciation?

Pride (vs. 4) – An elevation of ourselves.

Where are you tempted to fall into unhealthy pride (your work, your abilities, your kids, something else)?

Where has pride in your life potentially pushed others away from you?

If humility is the antidote to pride, what does it look like for you to be humble without seeing yourself as less than?

Dishonoring Behavior (vs. 5) – Being rude or tearing others down.

Do you tend to default more towards criticism of others or towards lifting them up?
Whichever is the case, why do you think this is so?

And whichever tendency you have, does it vary depending on who you're interacting with (i.e., your spouse, your children, other family members, co-workers, etc.)?

If it does vary, why is this and what might it be exposing in your heart?

If delight is the antidote to dishonoring behavior, what could it look like for you to find more delight in those around you?

Self-centeredness (vs. 5) – Putting your needs above others.

How others' focused are you?

Pastor Alan stated that better listening can help us become less self-centered.

How natural is it for you to listen well?

What additional steps could you take to nurture your desire to focus on others' needs?

Unforgiveness (vs. 5) – Keeping a record of wrongs committed against you.

How easy or difficult is it for you to let go of wrongs committed against you?

If you're struggling to forgive someone today, what could it look like to take steps to release this emotional weight?

How helpful is recognizing Jesus' forgiveness of you when addressing forgiveness of others?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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