

What is Love? Love Requires Effort

1 Corinthians 13:7

Discussion Questions

The Essentials

- 1) In line with 1 Peter 4:8, can you think of a practical example of what it might look like for you to patiently bear with the faults of another person?
- 2) Why might it be so hard for us to believe the best of someone and give them the benefit of the doubt?
- 3) Where does our hope ultimately come from? Spend some time discussing your thoughts on Colossians 1:27.
- 4) When might love need to persevere?

Going Deeper

- 5) Discuss your thoughts on this quote from John MacArthur: "Love never protects sin but is anxious to protect the sinner." Think of some situations where it wouldn't be loving to protect sin.
- 6) What are some of the current situations taking place in our culture today which might make it difficult for love to endure and believe the best in all things?
- 7) How can we continue to obey Jesus' command to love despite these obstacles?

Prayer Point: Please pray that God would raise up in IBC some godly, servant leaders who aspire to lay down their lives for their families and the church.