

WITHOUT LOVE I AM NOTHING

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Key verse: 2

Discussion questions:

- What does “without love” suggest in this passage about love’s hidden life? Do you have it?

Inductive study questions:

1. What is love? (Jn 3:16; Ro 5:8; Jn 15:17) What gift does Paul describe in verse 1? How were the spiritual gifts of the Corinthian church being misused without love? (1Co 12:21-22)
2. Why are the gifts of prophecy and faith important? (1Co 14:3; 1Th 5:20; Mt 17:20) How do these gifts lose their purpose without love?
3. What negative motive to undergo hardship is given in verse 3? What is real motivation to undergo hardship? (1Co 15:10) Why is love such a crucial element in all of God’s redemptive work?