



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## Love's Priority

LG Questions for 01/30/11

### Getting Started

1. **Love's Meaning.** List 3 ways people use the word "love." Example: "I love ice cream." How do your examples compare with Paul's use of the word "love" in 1 Corinthians 13? Given the shortage of genuine love in the world today, do you think people are unaware of its true meaning or do you think they simply ignore it? Explain.

### Getting Into the Bible

2. **Love's Guidance.** Read 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:3. Paul exhorts the Corinthians to "seek the greater gifts" and then immediately launches into the most beautiful essay ever written about love. What's the connection between the two? How does love help us seek the greater gifts? Describe how serving in love has helped you discover your spiritual gift.
3. **Love's Richness.** Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. How many spiritual gifts are mentioned in these verses and what problem can occur if they're used without love? Pick one of the gifts and give an example of how it can be abused if it's used without love. Now give a positive example of someone who used the same gift with the right motive and enriched your life.

### Getting Personal and Practical

4. **Love's Challenge.** Think of a ministry you're involved in. Now be ruthlessly honest. What is your motive for doing it? Are you doing it for the joy of pleasing God and serving others in love? If not, what steps can you take to start doing so? If your passion for serving others is wearing thin, ask your small group to pray for God to renew your love and joy.