



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## Love's Maturity 1 Cor. 13:8-13 Life Group Questions 02/13/11

### Getting Started

We've been working our way through what has commonly been called the 'Love Chapter' I Corinthians 13. Who in your life has come the closest to living out these verses towards you personally? Was the love of Christ evident in their reaching out to you?

- 1) Read I Corinthians 13:8-13. What is taught about spiritual gifts and eternity in verses 8-10? What is the main difference between love and spiritual gifts?
- 2) Read I Cor. 13:9-10. What does verse nine mean when describing '*we know/prophesy in part*'? What does '*when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears*' mean in verse ten?
- 3) Read I Cor. 13:11-12. What two illustrations does Paul use to show the temporary nature of spiritual gifts? In your own life what role does maturity have in one's ability to love? Describe how mature love differs from childish love.
- 4) What does verse 12 teach you about Christian hope? (See Hebrews 11:1) What are some things you currently '*see in a mirror dimly*' that you someday hope to see more clearly?

### Making It Real

Verse 13 tells us that after all spiritual gifts cease three will remain... Faith, Hope & Love. Which of these three gifts do you need in your life right now? Why? Spend time praying for each other.