

ASK A FEW: Is there a difference between a crush and love? If so, what is it?

ASK A FEW: If someone says they love you, what do you expect from them?

ASK A FEW: How do you define love?

ASK A FEW: How do YOU know when you're IN LOVE with someone? (If you've never been in love, how do you imagine it will be?)

**** READ I CORINTHIANS 13 here *****

ASK A FEW: In this passage, the Apostle Paul says, "love is" several things. What were they?

ASK A FEW: Which of these is the hardest in your opinion? The easiest?

ASK A FEW: If you were to compare your former (or current) relationships to this passage, how would they hold up? (Leader prompt -- If you've never been in a relationship, think about your friends' relationships, how do they compare with this verse?)

ASK A FEW: In your life, who has loved you like this the most? (Leader prompt -- maybe it hasn't been a boyfriend or girlfriend, maybe it's been a close friend, a parent or a relative)

ASK A FEW: In verse 3, Paul talks about motives although he doesn't use that word. What do you think he meant by verse 3? (Leaders – Paul was talking about the motive behind our actions. He's about to launch into a list of things "to do" but he begins by telling us that our heart better be in the right place before we do anything.)

ASK A FEW: If we were to manage our dating lives by this passage, what WOULD and what WOULD NOT be a part of them? (Leaders – Really spend some time on this question; it's where the rubber meets the road.)

ASK A FEW: Do you know anyone who models this kind of love in their dating life or marriage?

ASK A FEW: Paul says that faith, hope, and love endure, but that love is the greatest of them. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

Earlier, we asked who loves you in the same way these verses talk about love. We tend to link these verses with dating relationships and marriage, because, in our culture, those are the ultimate expressions of love. These verses are actually talking about Christ's love for us. The Bible says that "God IS Love." If you've never heard that God loves you, please hear it now. Look verses 4-8 and plug your name in . . .

4 Love is patient **with** _____, love is kind **to** _____. It does not envy _____, it does not boast **in** _____'s face, it is not **too** proud for _____. 5 It is not rude **to** _____, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered **with** _____, it keeps no record of _____'s wrongs. 6 Love does not get excited when _____ **screws up or bad things happen to him/her** but rejoices when _____ **looks for truth and good things**. 7 It always protects _____, always trusts _____, always hopes in _____, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails _____.

15. **ASK A FEW:** How will this passage impact your romantic relationships (or your idea of romantic relationships) going forward?