

Love of the greatest kind
For the week of October 7 – 13

Prayer: That we might embrace the discomfort of life in Christ

Day 1: John 15:1 – 17

Three questions to ponder:

- What is the relationship between abiding and love?
- What is the relationship between friends and branches?
- When have you made the difficult choice to love of the greatest kind?

Day 2: Genesis 15

Three questions to ponder:

- How does the LORD God demonstrate love?
- How is Abram to respond?
- How is Jesus the fulfillment and completion of this passage?

Day 3: 1 Samuel 20

Three questions to ponder:

- How is love displayed in this passage?
- When has love led you away from comfort and ease and into difficulty and pain?
- Where might God be calling you into greater love?

Day 4: 1 Corinthians 13

Two questions to ponder:

- Paul lists some remarkable accomplishments compared to love. How can love be greater than these?
- How does Paul make clear that love is 'other-directed' by the adjectives he uses?

Day 5: 1 John 3:11 – 24

Three questions to ponder:

- John writes to his congregation in letter form what Jesus taught in John 15. How does John expand and clarify?
- Where are those in need? How might you love them?
- How is love other-directed and costly as John speaks of it?

Further Reflection: How might you need to reconsider the way you are loving others? Which relationship might this change?