

Study Guide

1 Cor. 13:1-3 – What's Love God to do With It?

My Story

1. What is the one thing that you find most frequently to be the high point of your day?

Digging Deeper

2. In 1 Cor. 13:2, Paul suggests that knowledge apart from love is worthless. Turn to 1 Cor. 8:1, where Paul warns of a danger here. What is the danger? Why is that a problem?

3. Paul says that sacrificial giving apart from love still ends up being worthless. What do the following passages show us about giving from a heart of love? See Mark 12:41-44 and 2 Cor. 9:6-8.

4. In verse 1, exercising a spiritual gift without love meant that it had no value. What other ways can Christians exercise their spirituality but still lack love?

Reflection

5. We can't always tell whether someone else is doing something out of love or not. How can you strive to be sure that you are acting out of love?

6. Why is it easy to fall into the trap of serving others and exercising our spiritual gifts without a heart of love?