

Echo Newsletter October 2019

#### Love... True Love

Love. What a word, right? It can mean a variety of things, and often does. "I love my wife" should probably not carry the same meaning as "I love this burrito." The human language isn't full of nuance in this area and as such, can make it difficult to really look into what it means to love people as a believer in Jesus Christ.

I remember when I was in Middle School and someone would have a crush on someone else the question was... Do you like her? Or do you like like her? It didn't make sense, but everyone knew what it meant. However, Love is not the same as infatuation or romance. 1 Corinthians 13 is a nice passage to read at a wedding but it wasn't writing primarily for marriages. It was written for the church.

How we love each other is more important than what we know. Don't take my word for it. Take Paul's. In the opening of 1 Corinthians 13 he makes the bold statement that eloquence, wisdom, faith and generosity (three very superb virtues to be sure!) are simply annoying, empty and baseless without love as the foundation for these virtues.

So perhaps the biggest question a Christian can ask him or herself isn't "How much do I know?" But simply, "How well do I love?" Knowledge without loves puffs up, love without knowledge though is a starting point to gaining necessarily knowledge with a firm foundation. So... how do well do you, do I, love one another and what does that agape love that Paul is speaking about in first Corinthians look like? We will take a look at that this October and November together.

As always, if you have any questions and concerns please contact me at josh@crosspointbible.org or in the office at (402) 571-3161.

- Pastor Josh

"But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love."

- 1 Corinthians 13:13



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# **OCTOBER TOPICS**

# What we're talking about:

- 6th Small Group Focus (1 Cor. 13:1-3)
- 13th 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a
- 20th Small Group Focus (1 Cor. 13:4-8a)
- 27th Annual Meeting—Costume/Fire Night

### Reverb Bible Study Schedule

Reverb is an every other Sunday Bible Study held after youth group from 8:30pm-9:15pm. We will be holding Reverb on the 13th and 20th of October.

Our annual High School retreat is tentatively scheduled for Nov 8-10. Sign ups happening now!

2019-2020 Student Leadership team will be announced Sunday, October 6th!

Every other year we offer to provide transportation for students from Omaha to Manitou Springs, Colorado for the Summit conference (summit.org). We will providing rides to and from Colorado for the July 5-18 conference dates. More details coming this month.

Please visit crosspointbible.org/students for more information on the school year, a calendar and various forms to fill out throughout the year!

We're on Social Media, look for Crosspoint Student Ministries on: 

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## Campfire Time!

On the night of the annual meeting we will still be holding Youth Group. We will have a fire and smores for both Impact and Echo on that night and MIGHT have a costume contest run by Student Leaders like we did last year.

Stay tuned for more details throughout the month.



#### TAKE 3

One: You are going through 1 Corinthians 13 together. What is one thing you've learned or deepened your understanding of this month?

Two: If love is a choice that we can only make in the Holy Spirit, what do you think that looks like?

Three: Spend time each night thanking God out loud for something!