

Love Shows Grace | 1 Corinthians 13:5 Sermon Discussion Participant Guide

Purpose of Discussion: To choose to show grace towards those who wrong us.

Icebreaker: How do people know when you are angry?

Discussion:

1. What are some ways you see "cancel culture" in our culture? How about among Christians?

Read:

[1 Corinthians 13:5b](#)

⁵...(Love) is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

2. When do you find yourself getting easily angered?

Read:

[Exodus 34:6](#)

⁶And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness

3. Why is love contrasted with being easily angered?
4. What does it look like to keep a record of wrongs?

Read:

[Psalm 103:8-12](#)

THE **crossing** **small groups**

- ⁸ The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
- ⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
- ¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

5. Why is keeping a record of wrongs in contrast to love?

Digging Deeper (Optional): Is there ever a place for anger in love? Is there ever a place to be wary of someone who has wronged us and still love them?

6. How does love being more of a choice than a feeling help us in showing grace?

Read:

Esau McCaulley, Reading While Black

"I can forgive my enemies because I believe the resurrection happened. I am convinced the God who had the power to judge me did not. Instead he invited me into communion with his Son and through that union with the Messiah I discover the resources to love that I did not possess before."

7. How does living in God's story help us to want to choose to love and to feel more loving towards others?

Sharing and Prayer:

- In a time of silence...think of people whom you feel angry or bitter towards and pray for them.
- Close the time of silence with a prayer of thanksgiving for God's love towards us as sinful people.