

# Study Guide

Galatians 5:22 - Perfect Love

#### **My Story**

1. When you were a child, who did you feel loved you the most? How did that person show love to you?

# **Digging Deeper**

2. Our culture typically thinks of love conditionally (i.e., I love you if; I love you when; I love you because; etc.) How do the 15 characteristics of love in 1 Cor. 13:4-7 contradict this notion?

3. Paul writes that love is not provoked (1 Cor. 13:5) and yet God gets angry at our sin. How do you reconcile this? Is it wrong to get provoked about someone's sin?

4. What would you say to someone who claimed that, "Love is more important than doctrinal purity"? Can we love apart from truth? Why/why not?

#### Reflection

5. Read John 13:34-35. If Christians did love one another in a radical way, how do you think the world would react? Why?

6. Replace the word "love" with your name and read 1 Cor. 13:4-7. What areas do you need to work on? What areas are evidences of God's grace in your life?

### **Taking the Next Step**

Take time this week to read 1 John 4:7-21. Ask God to help you find ways in which you can love others sacrificially this week (at home, at work, in a difficult relationship, with your time, with your budget, etc.).

## **Praises / Prayer Requests**

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# **SERMON NOTES**

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