

What is Love? Love says, 'You first'

1 Corinthians 13:4

Discussion Questions

The Essentials

- 1) What is our Western society's concept of love? If you were to only watch Hollywood movies about relationships and romance, what would you understand about love?
- 2) What is 'agape' love?
- 3) How is agape love so different to our society's idea of love? Why do we find it so challenging?
- 4) What might be a small, practical example where you might lay down your life for someone you know?

Going Deeper

- 5) The Greek word for patient in our text is *makrothumeo*. This literally means 'long temper'. Some translations still translate this word as 'longsuffering'. How is God patient or longsuffering with us?
- 6) The opposite of pride is humility. Read and discuss this quote from Andrew Murray, from his book *Humility*: "Humility is not a thing that will come of itself, but that it must be made the object of special desire and prayer and faith and practice."
- 7) How might we grow in humility?

Prayer Point: Please pray for the ministry fair on Sunday 24th September. This is a good opportunity for people to know our ministries better. Pray that people would be spurred on to serve, whether that is through a specific church ministry, or by serving their brothers and sisters them.