

Reference: 1 Cor. 13:1-5

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INTRODUCTION

The last few weeks we have been talking about relationship goals in the lives of believers. We have discovered that love must be the foundation of all relationships. We also learned the important role patience and kindness play in our love. This week we will be discussing how love puts others first.

ICE BREAKER

What are you most competitive in? What do you do to get over it?

QUESTIONS

- 1.) Before we dive into our discussion, what do you think it means to put other people first in our relationships?
- 2.) Read 1 Cor. 13:4, Paul tells us that love does not envy. What is envy? How is it toxic to our relationships?
- 3.) Pastor John said that putting others first leaves no room for envy. Are there people in your life that you are envious of? How can you put them first?
- 4.) Read 1 Cor. 13:4, Paul teaches us that love doesn't boast and it is not arrogant. Why is there no room for pride in love?
- 5.) Pastor John told us that a good way to put others first and overcome pride is to show a genuine interest in their lives, their hobbies, interests and experiences. Who can you put first in your life by doing this?
- 6.) Read 1 Cor. 13:5. Paul writes that love is not rude. What do you think it means to be rude? In which situations or with whom are you are most likely to be rude? How can you put others first in these situations?
- 7.) Pastor John reminded us that putting others first demolishes our demands. We see this clearly and beautifully in the example that Jesus set for us by laying down what He rightfully deserved in order to love and pursue us. Is there anyone that experiences demands from you? What are some ways that can you replace those demands with love and put them first?

For Further Reading: James 4:1; Proverbs 13:10, 29:11; Mark 10:45