

Rockford Reformed Church
Sermon Series - "Time For Change" #6
1 Corinthians 13:1-7 - "Love for Life"
2/10/19 – Pastor Tim Meendering

Questions for family/small group discussions:

Love is a deeply _____ life.

1. Every aspect of your life – _____ – is useless before God.

a. Read 1 Cor. 16:14 and John 13:35. What do these texts say about the importance of love? Why is love so essential?

b. We said that "Our truth will only be heard when our _____ and love is felt." Can you name one or two people who need to hear truth but you need to first show them real grace and love? What steps can you take this week so that they will feel Christ's grace and love through you?

2. We must love _____ or die...

The 3 things that constantly work against our relationship to God:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

The 3 things that enable us to thrive against these forces:

- a. His _____
- b. His _____
- c. Each _____

What does Hebrews 3:13 say about the importance of your church family? What can you do this week to be faithful to this text?

How do you love with a deeply different life?

Love is a _____.

How does 1 John 3:16 change and work on us?

What aspects of Jesus' love most influence your love? What are some of the aspects of Jesus' love that are most often missing in your love?

How does it change the way you relate to your spouse and others when you define love as "putting your happiness in the happiness of the other" (Jonathan Edwards)?

Why and how does Jesus come after you (Isaiah 62:11-12)? And how does this change the way you love others?

Additional resources to consider:

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