MARINERS CHURCH



6.7.2020

God has given you everything you need for life and godliness. 2 Peter 1:3

"As I have loved you, so you must love one another." -Jesus, John 13:34 (NIV)

Make every effort to add to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, **LOVE.**

I will show you the best thing to do (Love). 1 Corinthians 12:31 (GN)

The best use of my LIFE is love.

Make love your aim. 1 Corinthians 14:1 (RSV)

"'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" -Jesus, Matt. 22:36-37

The biggest problem of love is ME.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)

Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you have been taught by God to love each other.

1 Thessalonians 1:9

Love never fails, 1 Corinthians 13:8

You can't stop me from loving you!



The best time to love is **NOW**.

We should help people whenever we can. Galatians 6:10 (CEV)

Use every chance you have for doing good. Ephesians 5:16 (NCV)

Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it. Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now. Proverbs 3:27-28 (GN)

God specifically puts people around you and in your life so you can show love to them?

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13

For your LifeGroup and accountability and growth...

Love can be slippery to define. How would you define it?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13.

What is the context of this passage? (Who wrote it? What was the occasion? What is he talking about?

What qualities of love are described here?

Talk about the entire passage—what others things do you see here?

Why do you think 'love is so important' to a society? Why is it important in a believer?

Look at John 13:34-35. Why does Jesus call love a 'new commandment'?

Why does Jesus say that people will know we are his followers by 'love'?

Take time to talk/confess about someone you may be having trouble loving. Pray together about this.