

# MARINERS CHURCH



## All About Love 7.18.2021

Make love your greatest aim... 1 Corinthians 14:1

### #1 Love is what I DO, not what I FEEL.

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

Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. 1 John 3:18 (NASB)

"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you." -Jesus, Luke 6:27 (NIV)

### #2 Love is a CHOICE and a COMMITMENT.

Choose to love the Lord your God...and commit yourself to Him. Deut. 20:30

### #3 Love is in our new nature, but it has to be developed.

Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. 1 Thessalonians 4:9 (NIV)

Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father.



Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. John 13:1

### #4 We can only love because God loved us first.

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

Next steps...

**Let God love YOU.**

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 (NIV)

**Love someone the same way.**

### Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup\*

Describe (if you dare) your first 'crush'. Who was it? How did you feel? Did you do something stupid?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Talk about what each of the words that describe love. How do you feel about each one? How would you rate yourself on each one?

How do you respond to the thought that "love is a choice and a commitment, not a feeling"? How do you think other people would respond to this? What challenges and problems arise from 'love being a choice'?

What would you say to a person who is struggling in their marriage and came to you and said, "We just don't love each other anymore?"

Look at 1 Thessalonians 4:9. If we are taught by God to love, how and why do we need to develop it?

Talk about your journey of 'letting God love you.'

\*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at len@marinerscc.org