# MARINERS CHURCH



**Love Does** 7.25.2021

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." –Jesus, John 13:34 (NIV)

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." –Jesus, John 13:35 (NIV)

Love is a VERB.

It DOES.

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

### Love owes.

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another. Romans 13:8

#### Love covers.

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8 (NIV)

We all stumble in many ways. James 3:2 (NIV)

Love...keeps no record of wrongs.... Love...always protects, always trusts.... Love believes all things... 1 Corinthians 13:7



## Love acts.

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18 (NIV)

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. 1 John 3:16

If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? 1 John 3:17 (NLT)

## Love lasts.

I have loved you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:13

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

OK, let's get a little 'mushy'---what's your favorite 'love song'? How about 'romantic movie'?

Read together Romans 13:8-10. What stands out to you? What is the "law?" How is LOVE the fulfillment of the Law?

What are some of the challenges of loving people?

Read John 13:12-17, 35. Why is it especially important that Christ followers are experts in love?

Now read 1 John 3:10-20 With the above passage also in mind, what kinds of things does love DO?

Be open in talking to the group about how you may have failed in the past about this. Please pray together about how you can be more loving.

\*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