

West Towne Circles Discussion Guide

# Love Is Not

(February 9th - March 1st 2020)

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I Corinthians 13

# Week Four: Love Does Not Rejoice in Wrongdoing

## Overview

As a church, we've resolved to look at relationships (friendships, between family, romantic relationships, and church relationships) through the lens of 1 Corinthians 13. In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul teaches them how to apply the Gospel to all parts of their lives, and how love is the thing that binds everything up together.

This week, we concluded our series by looking at Paul's final teaching as it relates to what love is not. He writes: "Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth." Our society seems to be in a struggle over truth. Many different groups claim to know the truth and how to find it. As followers of Jesus, we know that everlasting truth is only found in the things of God: his Son, his scriptures, his creation, and through his Spirit. We know also that we rejoice in God's truth by speaking, receiving, and living it.

As you begin your session, pray for God to strengthen your faith in his truth, and to give you the confidence and boldness to live it out.

## Reading and Discussion

Use this scripture and these questions to frame your discussion as a group.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7.

1. Has there ever been a time in your life in which you had a difficult conversation in which you were told a truth that was difficult to hear? Or you had to speak a truth that you knew wouldn't be received well? Share the story, if you feel comfortable.
2. What are some ways in which our society leads us to embrace false "truths" that aren't from God? How can we saturate ourselves in God's truth daily to ensure we're resting in real truth?
3. Read Ephesians 4:15. Many of us struggle with speaking the truth in love. Do you struggle with speaking the truth in love? How so? What are some ways in which we can improve the manner in which we speak the truth?
4. Read 1 John 3:16. Scripture is clear that our words should always be backed up by our actions. This entire month we've talked about love, but the real challenge is living out the love we've spoken about. As you close this session, spend some time praying for God to reveal to you one specific situation or person to which you can act in love towards. If you're comfortable, share that situation with the group, and then pray for one another.