



- As a believer, you already **have what it takes**.

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Romans 5:5

“Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another.” John 13:34 (MSG)

- This is not a command to **feel** a certain way; This is a command to **act** a certain way.

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NLT)

They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers. Acts 2:42

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. Hebrews 10:24 (NLT)

Let’s see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out... Hebrews 10:24

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:7 (ESV)

Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. 1 Corinthians 13:7 (NLT)

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Corinthians 13:7

Qualities of loving others:

- Love recognizes the **value** of others, so it seeks to **protect** others.

Share each other’s troubles and problems, and so obey our Lord’s command. Galatians 6:2 (TLB)

Ways to protect others:

- We speak the **truth** in love.

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe. Proverbs 18:10

Go easy on those who hesitate in the faith. Go after those who take the wrong way. Be tender with sinners, but not soft on sin. The sin itself stinks to high heaven. Jude 1:22-23(MSG)

- We speak of the **one** who protects us.

So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?” Hebrews 13:6

- Love knows how the enemy attacks, so it seeks to **believe the best** about others.

...For (*Satan*) the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth— the one who accuses them before our God day and night. Revelation 12:10

Always looks for the best... 1 Corinthians 13:7 (MSG)

(*Love*) Never loses faith... 1 Corinthians 13:7 (NLT)

Ways to believe the best about others:

- Love chooses to have **faith** in others.

..for I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power. Philippians 4:13 (TLB)

- We **expose** the good that others cannot see in themselves.

And now I’m going to tell you who you are, *really* are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out. Matthew 16:18-19 (MSG)

- Love recognizes the **despair** in others, so it gives **hope** to others.

is always hopeful... 1 Corinthians 13:7 (NLT)

How to provide hope for others:

- Help others redefine their **understanding** of hope.

I pray that the God who gives hope will fill you with much joy and peace while you trust in him. Then your hope will overflow by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13(NCV)

- Help others **discover** hope.

And so, Lord, where do I put my hope? My only hope is in you. Psalm 39:7 (NLT)

- Love recognizes the **discouragement** in others, so it refuses to **give up** on others.

...endures through every circumstance... 1 Corinthians 13:7 (NLT)

...always perseveres. 1 Corinthians 13:7 (NIV)

How to not give up on others:

- Commit to the relationship, not the **results**.

- Remind them that **God** doesn’t give up on them, so they can’t give up on themselves.

Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad?

I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again—

my Savior and my God! Psalm 42:11 (NLT)

Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. 1 Timothy 4:12



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- When someone gives up on you how does it make you feel? Have you experienced someone giving up on you?
- In your own words, what does it mean that Love protects others? How can we protect people within the church?
- What does it mean to believe the best about others? Why is this important? How do we show faith in others?
- How do we give hope to others, and why is this important?
- What does it mean to you to commit to the relationship, not the results?
- Do you find that it is tempting to give up on others? Explain why or why not.

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