

Bible Summary

I Corinthians 13:5

Love isn't Resentful

James Dennis taught from I Corinthians 13, which says love doesn't keep a record of wrongs. We can learn to love in this way by recognizing that this is how God loves us. Because of Christ's work on the cross we are able to draw near to God with boldness (Hebrews 4: 14-16). He also doesn't want us to feel shame, which is from the enemy. God covers us and pursues us time and time again. Finally, it's important to remember that God doesn't keep score but gives us grace, mercy, and forgiveness. Understanding God's love for us helps us to love others in the same way.

Scriptures: I Cor. 13:4-8, Hebrews 4:14-16, Isaiah 61:10, Gal. 3:26,27; I Cor. 15:53-57, Luke 15:11-32

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. What was your favorite part of Sunday's teaching? Why?
2. James said God doesn't want us to feel shame; conviction yes, but not shame. What's the difference between conviction and shame?
3. If the Lord forgives, clothes and covers us, why do we still battle shame?
4. James shared a personal story he's wrestling through of wanting justice in a situation but recognizing that he needs to do it in a way that shows grace and forgiveness. Share about a time where you responded to a difficult situation without keeping a record of wrongs.
5. How do we move towards keeping good lists of people instead of a list of things they've done against us?
6. Think about someone who is hard to love. God loves that person the same way He loves you. Make a list of all the things God loves about that person.
7. Commit as a group this week to spend time on your own meditating on the truth about how God feels about you.