What is Love—All or Nothing Study Questions 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

<u>Warm-up</u>

1) What are some awesome things that you've seen people do (maybe at work, in sports, at home, ...)? What do you think drove them to do those things?

A little deeper

2) [1 Corinthians 13:1] We can't measure the value of our words by the impressiveness of our speech, even if our words are angelic. What are some simple things you've heard that were spoken out of love?

Is it possible for people to speak harshly out of love? If so, give an example (possibly from the Bible). If not, why not? 4) [1 Corinthians 13:3] Sacrifice made in the hope of reward isn't sacrifice so much as it is investment—there's no correlation between the depth of our sacrifice and the size of our reward.
What examples can you give of sacrifices made out of love?
What sort of lasting impact do these sorts of sacrifices have?

Bringing it home

5) Is there anything you do that takes significant time, talent, or resources, but that you don't do out of love?If so, why do you keep doing it?If it's something truly worth doing, what might change your motivations about it so you can commit it fully to God?

6) Is there something you are gifted for—something you would joyfully do out of love—but which you aren't currently doing? What would it take to free you up to do that something?

3) [1 Corinthians 13:2] Prophecy, knowledge, and faith are all gifts from God, but we can't measure our spiritual maturity by the extent of our gifts. How have you seen people use their spiritual gifts? Recognizing that all things in heaven and on earth with eventually be swept away and replaced... How much eternal worth do you think those uses of spiritual gifts have?

Reflection & Prayer

7) Praise God for the love he has shown you, and for the gifts he has given you to share His love with others. Ask for God's perspective on your activities this week, to see where you are acting purely out of love, and where you are still reserving some portion for a worldly purpose. Ask Him to strengthen your heart and your spirit so that more of what you do will be out of love for Him and for others.