

**Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Building a body:

**Love actually**

(part 1)

1 Corinthians 13v1-7

● **Bursting some bubbles**

● **Who do you love?**

● **Reasons to love**

● **Gifts v love (v1-3)**

•Who is love? (v4-7)

⇒Love is patient (v4)

⇒Love is kind (v4)

⇒Love : it's not about me (v4-5)

⇒ Love and anger (v5)

⇒ Love and real joy (v6)

⇒ Love in the here and now (v7)

● This is excellent!

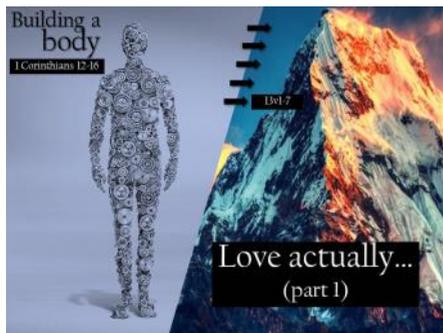
Conversation starter:

**C. S. Lewis once remarked that 'to love is to be vulnerable'.  
What do you make of this statement?**

## Growth group questions

You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.



1. Were there any things that surprised you or really struck you from the talk?
2. 'God loves what is unlovely' How similar, or different is our love?
3. How should we begin to see our love for others change as we grow as followers of Jesus? Why should we expect this?
4. How do these verses put the spiritual gifts in their right place? Have you ever used or experiences gifts being used selfishly, or in a loveless way?
5. Reflect upon the following statements and questions. How these are needed in the church. Are their particular ways in which you need your love to grow?
  - Patience is not responding to the bad; Kindness is responding with good. It's not about me, so I shouldn't expect things to be the way I want them.
  - How should we deal with anger against one another in the church?
  - Where might we be in danger of 'rejoicing in the wrong' in church life?
  - When is rejoicing in the truth hard?
  - Love earns its stripes when times are hard; needing to protect, trust, hope and persevere.

**Pray that God's Spirit would make you, and us all more loving—like Jesus!**