

Sunday June 10th 2018

Building a body:

Love actually

(part 2)

1 Corinthians 13v8-13

- **Fancy a marshmallow?**
- **Time—when are you living for?**
- **Remember: think community**
- **The contrast: Kingdom of God & this present age**
- **Love never fails (v8)**

● **Gifts: an incomplete, imperfect & temporary blessing (v8-10)**

● **Perfect love will be fully experienced forever in God's kingdom (v8-10, 12)**

● **2 pictures that help us live now**

⇒ **A child grows up (v11)**

⇒ **A reflection isn't reality (v12a)**

●The perfect future (v13)

●5 implications that really matter

⇒1. The greatest evidence of God's work is love.

⇒2. If you love, you'll pursue your gifts –to build others up

⇒3. The Christian experience will always be partial until heaven

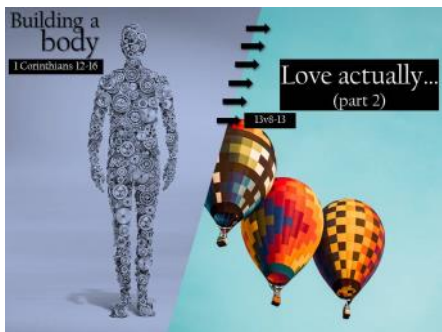
⇒4. The question of God and suffering needs an eternal context

⇒5. Live for the perfect and nothing less

Conversation starter:

What does it mean to 'make the most' of this life?

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. Did anything surprise you from these verse?
2. Imagine being in the Corinthians shoes (spend a couple of minutes flicking through the rest of the book to remind yourself). Why might God want them to know that 'Love never fails'?
3. How do these verses act as a 'plumb line' for what we prioritise and value in the church? Is this an encouragement or a rebuke for us?
4. Why will the gifts 'pass away'?
5. From v11, what are the 'childish things' Paul is talking about? Why does he call them that?
6. How do you feel about seeing Jesus face to face? Does it fill you with joy? How do you feel about knowing God in the same way that he knows you now?
7. Why is love the 'greatest'? (v13)
8. Look at the 5 implications from the talk. Which of these most impacts you? Which do you need to pray and dwell on the most.

Pray that we would live to experience God's love for eternity!