



# LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

## 3 MARCH

### DREAM TEAM: THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT

This study guide should be used the week following the sermon it supplements.

#### **MAIN TEXT:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

13 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

#### **COMING UP**

17 Feb – Academy starts

18 Feb – Alpha starts

4, 11, Mar – CAP Money

20 Mar – Whole Church Prayer Meeting

22 Mar – 'Unforgivable' Film Premiere

22-26 Aug – Westpoint

**\*B.L.E.S.S. means:** Begin with Prayer, Listen with care Eat together, Serve with love, Share Jesus Stories. For more info see [westminsterchapel.org.uk/bless](http://westminsterchapel.org.uk/bless).

#### **GETTING STARTED**

We want to develop and strengthen a healthy culture of encouragement at Chapel, so each week we'll start our LG's by sharing something we want to thank God for: an encouraging thing He's doing in our lives, or in the lives of others. What ways have you been able to B.L.E.S.S.\* those around you in recent weeks?

#### **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. How does our culture define love? It may help to think about what celebrities and dictionaries say/sing on the subject.

2. Why does Paul believe it's necessary to teach the Corinthians about love? What has love got to do with spiritual gifts, teamwork and unity?

3. How can seemingly good Christian things be done without real love? Have you acted with a self-centred rather than other-centred love or witnessed this in church life?

4. How is love defined? What aspect of this definition do you find most inspiring, challenging?

5. How can we grow in love? *Hint:* Love is personified in this passage, which tentatively points us to the demonstration of love in Jesus. How has Team Trinity demonstrated love and lavished love on believers? How does being loved by God help us truly love others?

#### **PRAYER & NEXT STEPS**

6. How should love mobilise you to play your part in the Westminster Chapel body/family?

7. Share any further reflections on identifying and fanning into flame spiritual gifts. Invite people to try to describe what their (main) gift might look like, how it might feel, even taste, by someone receiving the gift done with cross-shaped love.

8. Give space for prayers of confession and repentance for unloving attitudes and behaviour. Thank God for the cross and the amazing demonstration of His love. Ask God to pour His love into everyone's heart through the person of the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).