

Growing Up Before My Eyes
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Love is eternal and when one is surrendered to love they will see growth and maturity in them as they grow in God's word. The Corinthian letter tells us how gifts will come and go but three things will remain. "But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor. 13:13 NASB).

Discussion Questions:

1. What are things you know that get better over time?
2. What does God's word show you about yourself?
 - a. How have you grown over time from his word?
 - b. What do you understand better now?
3. What do you need to remove from your life so you can be more like him?
4. Where have you seen clearly by obeying the word of God?
 - a. How can you share this with others?
 - b. How did you come to see this clearly?
5. What does it mean to you that God knows you completely?
 - a. How can you now God more completely?
 - b. How do you know people or others more completely?

Bible Discovery

Looking at vv. 1-7

1. Make a List of What is love and Love is not
2. Looking at what love is and what love is not why is serving without love worth nothing? (see vv. 1-3).

Closer Look: vv. 8-13

1. What is known in part?
2. What is the perfect to come?
3. What will be done away with? See v. 10
4. What do you think the writer means "to become a man"? See v. 11
5. What is meant, "I will know fully?" in v. 12?
6. What is the greatest of faith, hope and love? Why?

For further study: 1 Corinthians 15:7 goes on to tell us that in Christ we become a new creation. This transformation is an ongoing process in our life. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 expresses to us that when we come to Christ we find salvation and liberty and this is still just the beginning process of us one day seeing who we will be totally changed to be like him when Jesus comes back in his perfect glory to establish his kingdom for eternity. See also 1 Corinthians 15:50-58.