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DISCUSSION GUIDE

MAKE YOUR

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May 12 & 13

Protect

WEEK 2 • 1 CORINTHIANS 13:7

OPENING QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever asked someone to cover for you so that you wouldn't be embarrassed or vice versa?
2. Was there anything in the weekend message that stood out to you?

IN THE WORD

1. [1 Corinthians 13:7](#) shows one way love protects; it provides for the needs of others. How does this idea complement the other action commands of [verses 1-7](#)?
2. After considering the action commands of [1 Corinthians 13: 1-7](#), what are some other ways that love will protect? (For example, if “love is not easily angered”, it will protect others from being quickly hurt by harsh words.)
3. [Deuteronomy 10:17-19](#) is similar to many other scriptures in the Bible where we are told to defend and provide for the weak or defenseless. Can you see any way in which this command applies to your daily situation at work, school, neighborhood, or other activities?
4. In [Matthew 23:37-39](#), as well as [Luke 13:34-35](#), Jesus expresses sorrow because He longs to gather and protect but is rejected. As God's Son, which do you think might cause him greater pain:
 - a. the suffering and consequences He knows they will experience because of their rejection, or
 - b. the pain of feeling rejected when His primary purpose was to save and protect?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. Recall a time when someone else provided something you needed. Besides just providing for that need, did it cause you to grow in some way—gratitude, a desire to be generous to others, increased faith, etc.?
2. One of the most important roles that adults play in the lives of children or young people is to serve as a shelter or roof for them—to protect and guard their emotional and spiritual health as well as physical. Whether or not they are in your immediate family, can you identify any who need you now in this respect?
3. How do we esteem and love children (and adults too) but also restrain ourselves from being over-protective? When would God want us to protect them from consequences, and when does He want us to restrain that protection so that they can learn to face the consequences?
4. Are you in a position to help those in need—a foreigner, someone homeless, disabled, an at-risk child, etc.? Is there a need you can meet without damaging their ability/motivation to care for themselves in the future?
5. Jesus experienced sadness and pain as He looked at the city of Jerusalem. Have you ever experienced a similar sadness or pain:
 - a. because you desired to protect someone from pain but were snubbed?
 - b. from knowing someone else would face consequences from which you felt you could not or should not protect them?

Notes & Prayers



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