



Week 3: Grownup Love

From elementary school through high school, many of us had ideas of what the perfect relationship would look like in the future. While those dreams may not represent our current reality, a step in the right direction could be to follow the apostle Paul's advice—move from our childish ways and start being grownups.

Discussion Questions

1. Who was your first crush?
2. What “childish” notions or assumptions about love did you carry into adulthood?
3. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:6–7.**
 - What are some ways we can protect the ones we love?
 - Are you able to believe the best and overlook the rest? What makes you say that?
4. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:11.** Where do you have work to do? Are you self-seeking? Easily angered? A scorekeeper? Not protective?
5. What couples do you know that seem to have put most of their childish ways behind them? What about them makes you think that?
6. For your current or future relationships, if you could work on one thing about yourself to transition from child to grownup, what would it be?

Changing Your Mind

Look over these words that describe what it means to demonstrate love. For each one, are you more interested in *becoming* more like these or for someone else to?

Patient

Kind

Not jealous

Not arrogant

Honoring

Self-less

Not easily angered

Not a scorekeeper

Protective

Trusting

Hopeful

Persevering