

*Week of March 19, 2023 | 1 Corinthians 13:6-7*

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. How do some of the imprecatory prayers of Scripture (those asking for punishment, such as in Ps. 58:6, 69:22-28, and 109:6-19) fit together with the description of love in verse 6?
3. Are there forms of unrighteousness that you are overly harsh or overly lenient about? Some examples might include infidelity, overworking, rebellion against authority, gluttony, or being direct. How can you begin to change this, if necessary?
4. Where do you find our culture to be particularly effective at subtly rejoicing in unrighteousness (music, movies, education, etc.)? How can we protect against these things while being a light to the world (Matt. 5:14-16)?
5. Based on the principles of verse 6, can a believer purchase or endorse a product or service from an entity which supports sin in some way?
6. What should believers do when they have a genuine disagreement as to whether a specific thing is true or righteous?
7. It is popular today for someone to have 'their' truth, independent of the truth of others. Does scripture allow for this? Why, or why not?
8. Paul repeats the word "all" in verse 7. Is this hyperbole, or does he literally mean all things? How can you tell?
9. We can often bear, believe, and hope all things... for a little while. How can a person purposefully grow in their ability to lovingly "endure" all things (vs 7)?
10. Which relationships in your life (spouse, children, strangers, coworkers, etc.) do you find it easiest to live out the instructions of verse 7? Where do you find it hardest? Why?
11. How would you advise a friend who came to you for advice after their spouse told them they needed to lovingly endure the abusive behavior in their marriage because of this passage?