

Text: *Galatians 5:13-22a*

The Way of Love Brings New Cravings

- _____ of cravings.

- _____ of cravings.

- _____ of aligning with the Spirit.

Love is not Merely One Virtue among Many

- Love _____ the character of God.

- Love ought to be _____ of the Christian life.

- Love is the most fundamental _____ of the Spirit.

Cultivating a Life Marked by God's Love

- Understanding the _____ of God's love.
 - God's love is completely unmerited, completely undeserved.
 - God's love is steadfast.
 - God's love suffers.
 - God's love knows no bounds.
 - God's love challenges our merit based, tribal based forms of love.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- Why do you think God makes love the foundation of right living and healthy relationships?
- What kinds of cravings does our sinful impulse encourage? How do they damage us and our relationships with God and others?
- Why do you think cravings have such powerful influence over our choices, attitudes, and actions?
- In what ways does the Holy Spirit help resource us to resist the cravings of our sinful impulses?
- What kind of cravings does the Holy Spirit inspire? How do those cravings improve our living and relating?
- How is love different from the other Christian virtues listed in Galatians 5:22?
- When we live in a society thoroughly saturated with self-interest and self-concern, how can we possibly cultivate a life of sacrificial, self-giving love?
- What do Jesus' words in Luke 6:32-26 and Luke 10:25-37 teach us about the nature of God's love? How does your love compare to the love in these passages?