

Walk in Love

Description: This purpose of this station is to call us back to the way of love, which is “higher” than our own way. The biblical definition of “righteousness” is “right relating.” We strive to relate rightly to God, to others, and to ourselves. The station is a reminder that, when we stumble and fall short of love, we hurt those around us. Jesus catches us with grace, though, and we rejoice in His mercy. After confessing and repenting for our inability to love perfectly, He lifts us up and fills us with His Spirit again.

Supplies:

- A rope, cord, or string that can extend between two pillars (Could go between 2 chairs, stretched between anything that will hold)
- A net, hammock, bed sheet, or something to stretch beneath the cord to symbolize a safety net
- Paper and pens

Instructions

Begin by reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Consider the past 10 months.

1. Ask the Lord to show you times that you walked in love. Recall moments when you were patient, gentle, bold, or generous. During the strange months of 2020 when were the moments when you reflected the love of Jesus well?
2. Invite the Lord to bring to mind times you did not love well. Were there times when you were judgmental or quick to correct? Were there times that you were not patient or when you refused to be generous to make sure you would have enough?
 - a. Do not assume that you know what these times are. Rather invite the Lord to bring a specific memory to mind.
 - b. When something comes to mind recognize that this was a time you fell from the path of love. Ask the Father to forgive you. Use specific names and circumstances in order to engage your heart and humble yourself.
 - c. When we fail to love perfectly we are caught in God’s mercy and grace. He not only forgives us, we lifts us up again by His Spirit to bear His image and try again.
 - d. Write a prayer of thanksgiving or a psalm of praise on a piece of paper. Drop it in the “safety net” which caught you under the “walk of love”. It is a reminder that we have not been a perfect example of his humility and generous love in 2020, but our hearts are set to grow and reflect Him more and more each day.