

Week 1: What Are We Known For?

The actions of an individual can have a powerful impact on the reputation and credibility of an entire group. We even see this when it comes to how people view and relate to God. People are deciding what they think about God by looking at us. Whether we realize it or not, our reputations affect his reputation. If this is the case, we need to be aware of what we are communicating. What are we known for?

Discussion Questions

- 1. What is an organization, brand, or team that you identify with because of one person's actions? What did they do?
- 2. If you were to ask people in culture today to describe God based on their perception of Christians, what do you think they would say?
- 3. As you read 1 Corinthians 13:4–7, what stands out to you? What areas are more difficult for you? What comes easier?
- 4. Reed makes the point that this brand of love, the one described in 1 Corinthians, is developed over time as we stay in proximity to Jesus and put it into practice. How has this aligned with your experience? In what areas may you need to adjust?
- 5. How have you seen this kind of love be transformative in your life or the lives of others?
- 6. What is one thing you can do this week to love and serve the people in your life?

Changing Your Mind

The world does not need better explanations of Jesus. It needs more examples of people who love like Jesus. When we lead out with this unique brand of love, it changes us, it changes others, and it changes communities. This is how we can change the world.