

# The Most Excellent Way

A Small Group Devotional

## The Way

Week 1

Read John 13:34-35 &  
1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

“And yet I will show you the most excellent way.”  
- 1 Corinthians 12:31b, NIV

Love your neighbor. Love your enemies. Love one another. These words of Jesus have shaped the priorities of communities and individuals for generations. Much like today early churches struggled to keep these instructions when there are so many other priorities vying for our attention and affection. The reminder that love is the most excellent way then serves as both a challenge and an invitation.

What are some of the best ways our churches and communities have shown love for neighbor as well as enemies?

What are some alternative “ways” that are considered normal and effective in our churches that undermine loving neighbor, enemies, and one another?

How does seeking conflict reveal who we are not loving nor willing to love? How does avoiding conflict do the same?

How can our love of power over people influence the conflicts and positions we condone or condemn?