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# **SCREEN WARS - SOCIAL MEDIA, NEWSFEEDS, SLANDER AND OUR PUBLIC WITNESS**

11 Corinthians 13:1-13

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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

#### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 1, Week 38)

Psalm 73:25-26 (Strength)

25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. 26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

**O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

**P**rayer that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

### **Conversation Questions**

**Setting The Table:** Opinions, outrage, and arguments can be launched into the digital space with the tap of a finger. Social media and newsfeeds amplify voices, but they also magnify slander, gossip, and hostility. 1 Corinthians 13 was written to a divided church that needed to remember what it means to embody Christ in their public witness. This passage challenges us: if our words are not shaped by love, they lose their power to point people to Jesus.

#### Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

- **S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- If Paul were using this scripture to teach the church about what we post, repost, and comment online, what kinds of things do you think he would draw our attention to?
- What do you think Paul means when he says that love "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (v. 7)? How might this reshape the way we think about posting, commenting, or sharing content online?
- A If God had written these passages just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A In the sermon this week, we talked about using 1 Corinthians 13 as a "test" or a grid before we post, repost or comment online. For example: "Am I being patient? Am I being kind? Am I prepared to bear with people who disagree with me? Etc..." How might this test impact your interactions online?
- **P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.