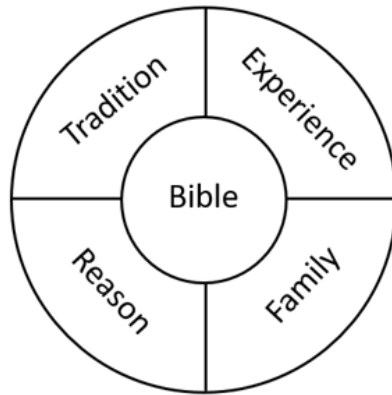


Talk Notes

Introduction

1. How do we know what is true?



2. Should we expect to see spiritual gifts today?

3. The most important thing is Love

The More Excellent Way



1 Corinthians 13



Bible Study 2017

The story so far...

Apostle Paul writes a letter to Corinthian church which he planted to address various problems. From Chapter 12 Paul starts addressing a new topic: spiritual gifts. Last week we learnt that God gives us various gifts for the common good of the church. But how should we use these gifts?

Ice Breaker...

Think of a person who has truly loved you. Write out a definition of love.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

What is so tragic about using our gifts without love? (v1-3)

List the positive and negative words that describe love respectively.
What do these things mean in your own words? (v4-7)

Love is	Love is not

How can love resolve the problem of division in Corinthian church caused by boasting on their own gifts (12:21-26)?

In v8-12, how does Paul explain that love is supreme over all the gifts?

How does Paul illustrate the concept of “part” and “completeness” in the pictures of v11-12?

In the light of the whole chapter, why do you think love is the greatest (v13)?

Application

Can you think of ways that Christians might use their spiritual gifts in a way which is not loving?

Which aspects of love do you most need to develop?

resounding: loud and clear
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gong: a flat, round piece of metal music instrument 锣

clanging: having a loud metallic sound 铿锵声的

cymbal: a flat circular brass object is used as a musical instrument 钹

fathom: understand what something means after thinking about carefully 彻底了解

persevere: continue trying to do something in a very determined way in spite of difficulties 坚持, 不屈不挠