



SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2024 • 9AM-4PM

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF SEMINARS AND Q&A WITH NATIONALLY KNOWN BIBLE SCHOLARS

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\$30 in advance • \$35 at the door • \$20 for students
Taqueria Vallarta taco bar included!

Seminars:

“How Does God Communicate Through the Bible?”

Dr. Jeannine Brown, Bethel University

“Are the Gospels Historically Reliable?”

Dr. Craig Blomberg, Denver Seminary

“Why Should I Care About the Old Testament Laws?”

Dr. Carmen Imes, Biola University

“Why are THESE books in the Bible?”

Dr. Gerry Breshears, Western Seminary

“Hard Passages about Women in the Letters of the Apostle Paul”

Dr. Lynn Cohick, Houston Theological Seminary

“Rethinking the Pharisees”

Dr. Scot McKnight

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THE IMPORTANCE OF LOVE 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-3

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels,
 but have not love, I'm only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.
 If I have the gift of prophecy
 and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge,
 and if I have faith that can move mountains,
 but have not love, I am nothing.
 If I give all I possess to the poor,
 and surrender my body to the flames,
 but have not love, I gain nothing.
 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 NIV

The story behind the words:

The city of Corinth was:

- Geographically strategic
- Young compared to “establishment” cities
- Attractive to innovators, investors, high achievers
- Filled with enterprising people from around the world
- Hub of commerce, susceptible to sex and alcohol abuse

This is a reorientation for three kinds of people:

1. To those who think they are “gifted”

Don’t just _____ your gifts; _____.

(Jesus) “Beware of false prophets disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. By their **fruit** you will recognize them.”
Matthew 7:15,16b

But the **fruit** of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
Galatians 5:22,23a

2. To those who think they are “ungifted”

Don’t _____ your gifts to others; _____.

(Jesus) “By **this** everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you **love one another**.” John 17:35

3. To those who think they are “good”

Don’t _____ on good deeds; _____.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:10,11

Thanks to Tim Keller, “Better Than Miracles,” sermon preached at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York City, April 14, 1996.

QUESTIONS *For personal reflection or group discussion*

1. What was your one big takeaway from this weekend’s message?

2. Read 1 Cor. 13:1-3. Why are amazing gifts and even good deeds “nothing” if we do them without love? How can someone who is super-gifted and extremely righteous still turn people off to Christianity if they are unloving?

3. René mentioned three groups to whom this passage speaks: Those who see themselves as gifted, those who see themselves as ungifted, and those who see themselves as good. Which group are you usually in? For you personally, why is it good to be reminded that love is the most important trait to value, even over giftedness, achievement, or good religious deeds?

LIFE AT TLC

WELCOME LUNCH

Are you new to Twin Lakes Church or do you want to take the next step to get connected or involved? Join us **this Sunday 4/7, 12:15-1:15pm** in the College Ministry Building next to Loft Coffee. **Lunch is FREE** and **kids are welcome!** Hope to see you there!

MIDWEEK CLASSES

Kick-off is this week - **Wednesday, 4/10!** There is an amazing lineup up including classes on parenting, heaven, getting past partisan political hatred, and more! Plus classes for singles, Spanish speakers, and brand new believers. Get all the details at **tlc.org/midweek**. There’s also a great program for kids! Join us at 5:15pm for dinner (\$6 per person or \$15 per family); classes start at 6:30pm.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Spring Session begins 4/8! Step into the vibrant world of 1, 2, and 3 John, where love, truth, and fellowship intersect to illuminate our journey of faith! For more info and to register visit **tlc.org/biblestudy**.

BAPTISM CLASS

Classes Saturday 4/13 7:15pm or Sunday 4/14 10:15am. Baptisms in church 4/27,28. Sign up at **tlc.org/baptism!**