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This Eastertide we each have the opportunity to take part in our "Together in This" campaign. For 8 weeks we are going to share the stories of our community. We're going to celebrate the profound life change experienced here at Forefront, and we're going to highlight the ways that new stories can and will be created.

WHY DO WE NEED TO KNOW IT?

Our church community has changed the lives of hundreds, maybe even thousands of people, because of the grace and generosity given through the committed people of our church. We want to continue to do this work for years to come, but we need resources to make it happen.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Give of your resources as a testament to God's grace in your life so others can experience that same grace within community. Give a generous one-time gift or set-up a recurring gift to help us reach our goal of \$250,000 by May 22.

OPENING QUESTION:

How many weddings have you heard this passage read at? (Kidding.)

Discuss this quote from Thomas Merton:

"Unless we live what we know, we do not even know it."

BIBLE STUDY:

Read 1 Corinthians 13

Thoughts & Questions for Discussion:

Consider the things which Paul calls *less* important than love. How are each of these connected to other topics we've studied in Corinthians?

How do the attitudes and outlook here compare with the values of the world?

How might you put some aspect of this description of love into action in your Christian fellowship?

What does 13:8-13 promise about the future?

Why do you think love is greater than either faith or hope?

DISCUSSION:

Read this blog post ahead of time, and encourage your group to read it as well.

"Have Not Love"

UPCOMING EVENTS:

For more info or to RSVP to any of these events, go to

forefrontnyc.com/calendar

5/11 - <u>Game Night at the</u> Kenmore

5/13 - Together in This Gala

5/14 - Good Sense equip course

5/24 - Introverts Gathering

What is something unjust that fires you up? (As socioeconomic diversity does in this post.)

What are steps you can take so you live as if you believe this?

CLOSING PRAYER:

Pray for yourself, that you will more consistently speak and act in love within the body of Christ. Pray for your fellow Christians, that you will esteem them as fellow members of the body. Pray that your church will be marked by love rather than pride, ambition, or conflict. Thank God for his grace in Jesus, which covers your own failures and those of your believers.