

“The Love Chapter”

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Scripture Reading

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- What:** Scripture Reading/Simple Set up for Reading God’s Word. (Theme: God’s Word, attributes of love, biblical perspective, values, 1 Corinthians 13, Valentines Day.)
- Who:** Reader 1 Reader 3
Reader 2
- When:** Present day
- Why:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 Contemporary English Version
- Wear (Props):** make this as uniformed as you’d like having the readers look the same as far as dress (khaki’s and same style shirt) or as informal...preference is really what the evening or event looks like; 3 reading stands to have script/reading in front of reader.
- How:** Scripture Readings are tricky. They can come across hokey if the piece hasn’t been read through by the readers. The great thing about a reading is the leader has the ability to print this up and picking three people to do it the day of the event. It’s also a great reminder to sit and listen to scripture and hear what we’ve forgotten on certain subjects of our lives.
Make sure the readers have the piece down. There are parts that weave together between the three readers. If it is off a bit, it will mess the rhythm of the piece. If they don’t get it down, it’s better to break it up in chunks instead of line to line.
- Audience:** High School or Adult Worship
- Time:** Approximately 2-4 minutes

READER 1: 1What if I could speak
all languages
of humans
and of angels?
If I did not love others,
I would be nothing more
than a noisy gong
or a clanging cymbal.

READER 2: 2What if I could prophesy
and understand
all secrets
and all knowledge?
And what if I had faith
that moved mountains?
I would be nothing,
unless I loved others.

(These repeating lines should be said rhythmically)

READER 3 ...unless I loved others...

READER 1: ... unless I loved others...

READER 3: 3What if I gave away all
that I owned
and let myself
be burned alive?
[a] I would gain nothing,
unless I loved others.

READER 2: ...unless I loved others...

READER 1: ... unless I loved others...