

# RL GROUPS

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## 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 (NIV)

<sup>12b</sup> And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

**13** If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, [b] but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophecy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.



## Questions for Discussion

1. What's one thing that you enjoy doing that took practice for you to become good at?
2. Who is someone you know who is known for not giving up? Can you think of an example of their perseverance?
3. Have you ever said "yes" to something that was harder than you first imagined? What was your reaction to that realization?
4. Why is showing love to others so important to Jesus? From your experience, have you observed that it's easy or difficult for Christians to show love to others? Why do you think that is?
5. What is a "next step" you can take toward showing love to someone? Consider choosing one person in your small group who can help keep you accountable to this "next step" this week.

*As you close your time together, have each person share a word that represents a person they need to show love to in their life and lift those words up to God during a time of prayer.*