

FOR US

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS 12-14

ICEBREAKER

Have you ever experienced something that you enjoyed so much that you never wanted it to end? What about it brought you so much joy?

CONTEXT

Paul concluded chapter 12 with the phrase, “And I will show you still a more excellent way” (12:31b). Last week we discovered that Paul identifies the presence of love in the exercising of our spiritual gifts as the “more excellent way.” This week we will discover why this is the more excellent way. Love never ends; love is permanent.

READ

1 Corinthians 13:8-13

DISCUSS

Share about a time when you had to actively choose to show someone love when, maybe, they did not deserve it. How did you do it?

DISCUSS CONTINUED

Paul uses two analogies to contrast the present and the future arrival of the Perfect? Which one helped you understand what he was teaching the most?

Paul says in verse 13 that “faith, hope, and love abide.” Which one comes most naturally to you? Which one is the hardest? Why?

How has Chapter 13 challenged your understanding of love? How has it strengthened your understanding?

NEXT STEPS

What is one area of your life that you need to start prioritizing love?

What can you do this week to make it happen?