

LIFE GROUP

Notes

Session 10



READING: 1 Corinthians 12:31-14:1

Christian love is tough! But is the calling that rests on us and communicates God to the world.

IN

Introduction

What are some of the things this week which has tested your patience?

What things this week have fuelled your faith, hope and love?

UP

Explore

What is the opposite to love? (List as many different 'opposites' as you can)

What is the significance of putting Chapter 13 right in the middle of a discussion about spiritual gifts? *Notice that Chapter 13 is deliberately sandwiched between Chapters 12 & 14 – which speak of gifts of the Spirit, and further notice that Chapters 12-14 are surrounded by Chapter 11 and the second part of Chapter 14 which speak of the importance of orderly worship when the church community comes together. (There is common Biblical technique of the time of writing called chiasm - to put the main point in the middle rather than at the end of a section of text).*

Read through the passage, at least once. What are the (a) most obvious and (b) most difficult characteristics of love that are described here?

What else strikes you about this passage?

The letter 1 John states 'God is Love'. What are some of the ways that you have experienced Gods love?

When do you find it easier to show love?

OUT

Impact

Spend some time praying for each other

Optional Extra: Discuss practical ways in which each person can bless someone else this week, and commit to praying for each other for these things during the week.