

Love always hopes, always perseveres



...It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13:7

UP: Introduction

- Can you think of a time you felt 'hopeless' in a situation - how did you react? What happened in the end and how does it affect how you hope for the future?

and/or

- Can you think of a time you needed to really persevere - What happened in the end and how did it affect how you will persevere in the future?

IN: Explore

1 Corinthians 13v4-7

- This is a list of characteristics of love- how do we develop this type of love in our lives?
- We love in response to God's love - what do you do to draw near to God to experience His love for you?

Romans 15v13 and Colossians 1v27

- What is Christian hope? What impact does it have on our lives?
- What does this hope mean for the daily challenges that we face?

Romans 5v3-5 and Luke 22v39-44

- What is the relationship between hope and perseverance?
- How does perseverance lead to a deeper sense and experience of love?
- What does Christ's experience in Gethsemane, and subsequent crucifixion, teach us about hope and perseverance and God's love for us?

OUT: Impact

- In what ways can you draw near to God to experience His love this week?
- Who could you reach out to, to encourage hope and perseverance in them
- Ask God to reveal a Word of encouragement, for you or someone you know