

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: October 17, 2021
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:7

1. What does the beginning of 12:31 suggest about the gifts listed in the previous chapter as compared to what Paul is going to talk to us about in chapter 13? _____

2. How important do you think it is to people in the church to experience spiritual gifts like the ones that are listed in 13:1-3? _____
How important do you think it is to us that we have love? _____
Do you think our priorities and values match up with God's, as outlined by Paul in these verses? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

3. What, according to these verses, does it say the effect of not having love is?
 - a. The gifts are not quite as effective.
 - b. I make a lot of noise, but have little real impact (vs 1)
 - c. I am nothing (vs 2).
 - d. I gain nothing (vs 3).

4. Do you think you "have love?" _____
The following are things that Paul uses to describe or define Love. Explain or define them, so that we can evaluate how well we love:
 - a. Patient. _____
 - b. Kind. _____
 - c. Envy. _____
 - d. Boast. _____
 - e. Proud. _____
 - f. Rude. _____
 - g. Self-seeking. _____
 - h. Delight in evil. _____
 - i. Rejoices with the truth. _____
 - j. Protects. _____
 - k. Trusts. _____
 - l. Hopes. _____
 - m. Perseveres. _____Do these words describe a "feeling" like so many of our modern understandings of love would suggest, or is it something more? _____
If these words are used to define what love is and what love isn't, how are you doing at loving the people around you? _____

5. What does 13:8 say about love? Love _____
I hear these words or something similar, very often "I've tried everything, but I just can't get along with..." OR "I just don't think we're going to be able to make this work, because..." If you've ever said or thought this...and the beginning of verse 8 is true, have you really tried Love? _____
What do you do, if you realize that the problem in your relationship is that you are not really loving the other person? _____

We're beginning a series on "Love and Marriage." We know that not everyone is married and we all come into this study with different experiences and life history. However, we can all benefit from defining love from God's perspective rather than the world's....AND if we apply these principles to our lives, we will have better relationships all around.