

# ENCORE Discoveries

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1. According to today's passage, we can truly worship only through what?
2. How can other people be blessed, edified and comforted by the exercise of spiritual gifts, while the one who is using them is not "profited" (v. 2, 3)?
3. *The real evidence of our spiritual maturity is measured by love.* How does God's definition of love differ from the world's definition?
4. Define "patience." Have several class members give an illustration from their own life when they were and were not practicing patience. What does Galatians 5:22 tell us about patience?
5. Think of a few memorable "random acts of kindness" that left an impact on you. What does kindness look like in every day life?
6. Love "doesn't rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth." What does this seem to mean? Give an example.
7. Look at verse 7: "bears" can possibly be translated "covers," love "covers all things." How does Christian love fit in with not betraying a confidence or needlessly publicizing the faults of others?
8. Why is love so enduring that it can be said to "never fail" (v. 8; 1 John 4:16)?

*There is a love that comforts all sorrows, heals all hurts, secures all ties, and softens all catastrophes. It cements what is broken, lightens our shadows, and eventually replaces despair with joy. A love like this has its foundation in God and its demonstration in Jesus Christ. This alone is true love. And we can know and pass on this love only through His grace, only through living in the confidence of that love ourselves.*

# Theme: Worship with Love

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## Monday

Someone said, “The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved—loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves.” Do you know this kind of love? Are you convinced that God loves you in this way? If so, thank Him for it! If not, please talk about this issue with Pastor or your ENCORE leader.

## Tuesday

Do you ever find yourself being jealous of someone else’s success, abilities, or looks? What does 1 Corinthians 13:4 say about that?

## Wednesday

Are you better at expressing yourself verbally, having a good grasp of knowledge, or are you better at reaching out to help others? If you do what you do best but don’t do it out of a heart of love for God and others, what happens (v. 1-3)?

## Thursday

Would others describe you as kind and patient? Why or why not? How can you build on this for Christ’s glory?

## Friday

God’s love for us never ends or fails. How does this awesome truth affect and change you today as you think about it?

## Saturday

“LORD, thank you for love! Both for your love for me and for the grace and strength to love others in a way that honors You. Help me to be patient, kind, humble, others-minded, truth-loving, etc. Thank You for Your undying love which demonstrated itself through the death of Your Son.”

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