

I may have the gift of prophecy, and know every hidden truth; I may have faith strong enough to move mountains; but if I have no love, I am nothing. I may do out all I possess, or even give my body to be burnt, but if I have no love, I am none the better.

1 CORINTHIANS 12: 31-13:3 NEB

- b. "What the World Needs Now Is Love, Sweet Love"
- c. Mother Theresa
- d. Clark Gable
- e. David and Jonathan
- f. Romeo and Juliet
- g. Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- h. Albert Schweitzer
- i. Saint Francis of Assisi
- j. the father of the Prodigal Son
- k. _____

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. The statement below that comes the closest to the meaning of the Scripture passage is (*circle one*):
 - a. God is love, and where the spirit of God is, there is no need for lesser gifts
 - b. love will find a way
 - c. where love rules, there is no place for power
 - d. talk is cheap and generosity is only a charade when love is absent
 - e. love is the music that gives value to one's gifts
 - f. he who possesses great talent is a pauper in comparison to the one who possesses great love
 - g. love is the inner motivation on which human deeds are weighed
2. To me, the opposite of love is (*circle one*):
 - a. hate
 - b. aloneness
 - c. apathy
 - d. one-upmanship
 - e. death
 - f. self-centeredness
 - g. fear
 - h. defensiveness
3. Outside of my own family, the closest I have come to experiencing

the kind of love this passage is talking about is (*circle one*):

- a. in the Army, with foxhole buddies
- b. in a sharing group, with fellow strugglers
- c. in sports, with my teammates
- d. in my fraternity, with my frat brothers
- e. in Boy Scouts, with my fellow Scouts
- f. in school, with my classmates
- g. in church, with a few friends who are committed to one another
- h. _____

DEPTH ENCOUNTER

1. In my church (or family) the reason why we do not always experience this kind of love and concern for one another is (*circle one*):
 - a. we don't need each other
 - b. we don't know each other's needs
 - c. we don't want to know each other's needs
 - d. we don't want others to know our needs
 - e. we don't take the time to know each other deeply
 - f. we don't get to know each other deeply in the time we spend together
2. A real, depth community of love where I can be free to express my feelings, share my needs and find support and encouragement from the others in the group sounds (*circle one*):
 - a. scary
 - b. wonderful
 - c. like something I would like to belong to
 - d. wild
 - e. frightening
 - f. idealistic
 - g. _____

ICEBREAKERS

1. To me, love is (*circle two*):
 - a. never having to say you're sorry
 - b. giving your last piece of bubble gum to your brother
 - c. going fishing with your husband
 - d. cleaning your room without an argument
 - e. sticking up for a friend
 - f. staying up all night for someone in trouble
 - g. going shopping with your wife
 - h. _____
2. Aside from Jesus Christ, when I think of love, I think of (*circle three*):
 - a. Elizabeth Barrett Browning's: "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways."