



1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

1. Perseverance takes persistence — not giving up.

1 John 4:7-8; Romans 3:23 (AMP); Romans 5:6-8; 1 John 4:9-10

Romans 8:38-39

2. Perseverance takes perspiration — work.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a; 1 Peter 4:8 (AMP); Ephesians 4:2; 1 John 4:11-16

3. Perseverance takes purpose — a goal.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Ephesians 2:10 (AMP); 1 John 4:17-19

Hebrews 12:1-3

I know that when God is my source, LOVE ACTUALLY perseveres with persistence, perspiration, and purpose.

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

Review:

When God is our source love, actually perseveres with persistence, perspiration, and purpose.

Open Up:

How do you feel about actually running – love it or not so much? Do it or used to do it?

Discuss:

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ Who is someone that comes to mind when you think of the word “perseverance” and why?
- ▶ How is life like running?
- ▶ Read Romans 8:38-39. What comes to mind when you think of the running illustration used?
- ▶ Read 1 Corinthians 9:26. Pastor Shannon talked about the value of purpose and goals. How can we identify our next goal?

Engage:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

When or how do you experience God’s love most?

Where in your life would it be most tempting to give up and not exercise perseverance?

Read Isaiah 58:11. How can you ensure you have enough water to run your race?

Pray:

Take some time to pray for the race that each person is running this week and that they experience God in their journey.