

Life Group Questions

Perfect Love

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Key Scriptures:

1 John 4

Discussion Questions:

Talk about it:

1. Did you have any childhood fears? How did you get over it – or did you?

2. Read 1 John 4:9-10. How did God show his love toward us and make it active? Look up the word atonement in a dictionary and discuss how Jesus' atonement for us proves God's love for us.

3. Read verses 12 and 13. Use google or an online bible to read those verses in the New American Standard Bible translation (it's more literal). What does it mean to you when you hear the word "abide," which is a synonym for "dwell"? What are some of the places where you spend a lot of time or visit, and how are they different from where you abide or dwell? How does that translate to your relationship with God's love?

4. Read verses 16 and 17. Why is it sometimes so hard to know and believe that God loves YOU? What are some of the lies we tend to believe about "pleasing God" to be loved by God?

5. Are you more prone to avoid things because you can't be perfect, or to strive tirelessly to be perfect?

What is the difference between worldly or religious perfection and what Pastor Kaye explained about the biblical meaning of perfection? In what areas of life is this freeing?

6. Discuss verse 18. What are some of the anxieties you are facing now, or that crop up from time to time in your life? If the word of God assures us that perfect love casts out fear, what are some of the thoughts in your mind that need to be made captive to this truth of Christ?

7. Pray for one another that as you abide in the perfect love of God you are set free from fear and anxiety, and that we would all be people known for how actively we love others!