

SUNDAY RECAP

We are in week 4 of our series, **Resurrection Living**, going through the letters of John (1, 2, and 3 John). This week our focus was anchored in 1 John 4 and the theme that **God is love**. Before you begin, pause together and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your conversation.

OPTIONAL ICEBREAKER: Share about a time you were confidently wrong. What happened?

READ THE PASSAGE TOGETHER: 1 John 4

(The sermon focused on verses 13-21, but reading the entirety of chapter 4 might be more helpful for your group discussion)

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Discussion Guide: Don't feel pressure to get through every question! Follow where the Spirit leads and spend your time on the questions that spark meaningful discussion.

1. Where do you typically look for assurance in your relationship with God (feelings, behavior, knowledge, etc.) How does that compare to what John points to in this passage? Why is it important that our faith is rooted in the apostles' testimony about Jesus (not just personal experience or feelings)?
2. Verse 13 says **we know we belong to God because He has given us His Spirit**. What does that actually look like in real life? Where have you seen evidence of the Spirit at work in you?
3. John ties together **right belief about Jesus** and a **life of love**. Why do you think those two are inseparable? What happens when one is missing?
4. **"Perfect love drives out fear"** (v.18). What kinds of fear tend to shape your relationship with God? How would your life change if you were more grounded in His love?
5. The sermon described God's love as the "fuel" for a transformed life. What other fuels do people (or you) sometimes run on instead? What effect does that have?
6. When we find ourselves harboring resentment or hatred toward someone, John suggests it reveals more about us than it does the someone we find difficult to love. (See verses 20-21). How does that disrupt, convict, or challenge you?

GROUP PRAYER TIME: Share requests and pray for one another. Use the prayer prompts below to guide your prayer time as a group (or individually this week):

- **Receiving God's Love:** ask God to help you know and rely on His love
- **Work of the Holy Spirit:** invite the Spirit to strengthen, guide and produce love in you
- **Confidence before God:** relief from fear of judgment, deeper assurance of identity in Christ
- **Loving Others:** pray for people who are difficult to love, desire to move from acting loving to genuinely loving
- **Unity:** For your group and church community to love in real, tangible ways



MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE

Fair Oaks Church Sermon Podcast (Apple Podcasts & Spotify) to listen to just the message. Check out *Cutting Room Floor* episodes that further unpack sermons.

UPCOMING EVENTS [Learn more at fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)

- **5/7: WFO Women's Brunch** | 9:30-11:30a | Speaker: Rachele from City of Refuge
- **5/8: Food Distribution at FO/OV Food Bank** | 9a-12:30p | Sign up to serve
- **5/10: Food Drive** | Bring donations to services & drop in church lobby
- **5/13: Hope Gathering Widows Group** | 6-8p | Fellowship & Potluck | AMC
- **5/16: Men's Breakfast** | 8a-10a | RSVP at fairoaks.church/events
- **5/16: Big Day Of Service** | Community-wide service projects | Sign up at fairoaks.church/events
- **6/15-6/19: Summer Blast Kids Camp** | 9a-12p | Registration is open for campers and volunteers at fairoaks.church/kids



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