

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: Living Proof - How Real Faith Shows Up In Real Life. 1-2-3 John.

Message 11: Evidence of Love - 1 John 4:7-21.

Speaker: Dan Mack

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Connect (25min)

Blessings & Battles

*Share and pray in groups of 3-4.

- Share 1 Blessing you've experienced this past week.
- Share 1 Battle that you've experienced this past week.
- Using a scale of 1-10 (poor to excellent) how are you in these areas of health this week?
Physical Health _____ Mental Health _____ Spiritual Health _____
- Respond in Prayer by giving thanks to God and praying for one another. _____

Message Discussion (50min)

1. Sunday Feedback

- **Read Sunday's Scripture:** [1 John 4:7-21](#).
How are you encouraged or challenged by John's words?
- **What makes God, God?** and **What makes a Christian, a Christian?**
How would you answer those questions after reading Sunday's scripture?

2. Truths About Love

- Who or what is the source and standard of Love and why is this important?
Which sources or standards of Love have you looked to or lived by, other than God, and how has impacted your life?
- The message highlighted four repeated truths: **God is Love - God's love is perfected in us - We love because He loved us first - Anyone who does not love does not know God.**
- Which of these stands out to you the most, and why?
How are these truths encouraging or challenging for you?
- Do you know and believe that God loves you today? Do you receive His for you?

3. Love vs Fear

- 1 John says that "**Perfect Love drives out fear.**"
- What kinds of fears can affect our relationship with God?
These fears can affect our other relationships as well.
- How does understanding God's love help us deal with those fears?

4. Evidence of Love

- Remember that question - *What makes a Christian, a Christian?*
The message identified three pieces of evidence that point to a genuine relationship with Jesus:
The Holy Spirit, Knowing Jesus (John 15), and Love for others.
- Which of these do you find easiest to recognize in your life? Which one would you like to grow in?
- Read [John 13:34](#), [John 14:23-29](#) and [Galatians 5:22-23](#).
How do these verses connect with the evidence?

5. Put Love to the Test

- The message ended with a challenge to think about someone who is difficult to love.
- Who came to mind? (consider sharing just their initials, or first name)
- What makes loving that person difficult?
- Read [1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#) and highlight one characteristic of Love that you need to engage in your relationship with this person.
⁴ Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵ or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and Love keeps no record of being wronged. ⁶ Love does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ⁷ Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.
- Engaging this characteristic of Love - how might Jesus want you to show them love this week?
- What is one practical way you can learn and grow in a *living & loving relationship* with Jesus and *live a life of love* at home and in your community this week?

Prayer (15min)

>> Break into groups of 3-4 people to enhance this time.

- **In response to God's Word, the message, and our discussion – Pray for one another!**
 - > **Pray for living loving relationships with Jesus.**
 - > **Pray for the filling and fruit of the Holy Spirit in your lives.**
 - > **Pray for the people in your lives that are challenging to love.**