

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

:: **FEARLESS** Series – Part 4 – Love vs Fear :: **October 4, 2015**



Welcome & Prayer

JESUS – You know all about our topic of Love vs Fear. You are the Source & Standard for LOVE.

It is your LOVE that we need to fill and lead our lives. You know the FEARS that face us on a daily basis, and we want to experience the greater freedom and hope that Your LOVE brings, as we invite You to identify and drive out the fear in our lives. Please conquer our fears and fill us with your Holy Spirit.

May Your Kingdom Come and Your Will Be Done in our lives this week.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Connect

:: What is an **embarrassing moment** you can look back, laugh about and share with the group?

:: **5 LOVE LANGUAGES** (From Author Gary Chapman)

Which (1) of the following 5 LOVE LANGUAGES connects with you the most these days?

- :: **Physical Touch** :: **Words of Affirmation**
- :: **Quality Time** :: **Gifts** :: **Acts of Service**

Check In

:: **Each time we meet as a Group we'll take a few minutes to share a bit about how we're learning & growing in our own personal journey with GOD. This for accountability & encouragement.**

:: **How can we as a group encourage one another to spend intentional time with Jesus this Fall?**

{Devotional ideas (Prayer booklets...), Bible Reading Plan, Podcasts, Accountability, Hearing God...}

:: **What is one area of your relationship with Jesus that you'd like to grow in this season?**

:: **What has God been showing you or speaking to you about in your personal time with Him this past week?** (eg. through Bible reading, Prayer, Devotions, Worship, time in Creation...)

Sunday Message Feedback

What jumped out at you from Sunday's message?

: Which particular point or passage of Scripture most challenged, confused or caught your attention?

: What did Jesus say to you this past week through the message?

1. What is the difference between being embarrassed and being ashamed?

:: Why is it easier to share an embarrassing moment instead of a shameful experience? Discuss.

2. READ Luke 22:54-65. Can you relate to Peter in this story?

:: Have you ever had a time where your fears resulted in being ashamed? Share.

3. Fear often leads to shame but then it is shame that keeps us afraid.

:: What are some ways shame keeps us living in fear? Discuss.

4. **READ Romans 8:39.** *According to this verse love is greater than anything else.*
 :: Why then is it so hard to believe and live this truth?
5. **READ 1 John 4:18.**
 :: How does love cast out fear? How has this truth been evident in your life?
 :: If you were to describe the love of God to someone how would you describe it?
6. **Was answering Question 6 hard?** If so, why? Discuss
7. **What would it take for you to live in a deeper awareness of God's love for you?**

Application & Prayer

(Split into groups of 2-3 people or divide the men and women and have them share and pray for each other)

:: Is there an area in your life that is controlled by fear and shame that you are willing to share and invite people to pray for you?

:: Read Ephesians 3:14-20 and pray this over each person.

...I fall to my knees and PRAY to YOU Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from YOUR glorious, unlimited resources YOU will empower _____ with inner strength through YOUR Spirit. Make YOUR home in their heart as they trust in YOU. Make their roots grow down into YOUR love and keep them strong. And may they have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep YOUR LOVE for them really is.

Help them experience the love of JESUS, though it is too great to understand fully.

Make them complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from knowing YOU.

Now all glory to YOU, the ONE who is able, through YOUR mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Amen!

Next Life Group

:: Our next Life Group meeting will be _____.

:: Who will bring Snack/Refreshments? _____.

Coming Up at Main Street

STARTING Wed. October 7

:: HEARING GOD Workshop Begins – 7pm - Main Street Auditorium. (5 Wednesdays)

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