

A Love That Casts Out Fear

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1 John 4:7-21

I. The Content of the Letter

II. The Command to Love (vs. 7-8, 19-21)

III. The Characteristics of Love (vs. 9-11)

IV. The Confidence in Love (vs. 12-18)

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Reflective Questions for You and Your Small Group

1. Share something you learned from this week's sermon that was new to you (or perhaps something you already knew, but was a needed and timely reminder).
2. In the sermon on Sunday, godly love was defined as being a sacrificial action, that benefits someone else, and is done independent of anything that other person has done or will do. With this definition in mind, go back and read 1 John 4:9-10 and discuss it in relationship to what we read about what God was doing in these verses.
3. On a corporate level, what are some ways Del Rey Church, as a body of believers, displays this godly kind of love towards one another? How can you personally serve to strengthen the church to be better at loving and serving others?
4. On a more personal level, share some ways in which you personally feel loved by others in our church (consider Dr. Chapman's "5 Love Languages": (1) receiving gifts, (2) quality time, (3) words of affirmation, (4) acts of service/devotion, and (5) physical touch)? How do you receive love from others and how do you think you are doing at showing love to others in our church? How can you personally grow in giving love and how might your community Group grow in showing godly love this week?
5. In the sermon we talked about how God's love changes us and will lead to living in a way that reflects God to the world. In light of this biblical truth, do you feel confident about the return of our Lord and the coming Day of Judgment? Do the "End Times" cause you panic or maybe do you feel indifferent? Talk about why/how the future return of our Lord matters to our daily faith and life.