

November 5 - 11

Truth and Deception | Love vs Fear

Icebreaker: When has fear kept you from helping someone else? Why does fear immobilize us?

Read 1 John 4:7-12

- How does the world portray love? According to verse 7, what is the true nature of love?
- Why is it not possible to truly experience love outside of God's love? What are some of the attributes of his love?
- How was God's love manifested into action?
- Why is true love ultimately about God's love for us and not our love for God?
- What is the relationship between God's love for us and how we are to love others?
- How is God's love perfected in us when we love one another?

Read 1 John 4:13-21

- How does the Spirit give us assurance that we are abiding in God? (see also Romans 8:9-11)
- What must we testify of and confess if we abide in God? Why is confession of these truths important to God?
- When did you first come to know and believe in God's love for you? How did this change you?
- What is the result of God's love being perfected in us?
- How are love and fear mutually exclusive? How does fear drive out love? How does love drive out fear?
- What is the ultimate source of our fears? Why is fear related to punishment?
- How is our love for our brother an indication of our love for God?
- What makes love for other believers possible?
- Is there something you have been afraid of that has cut your capacity to be active in loving others? How might your belief in the deep love of God for you in this situation increase your capacity to love others?

