

The Love of God Perfected *Sermon Notes*

The Love of God is perfected in us...

Point 1 - Beginning with _____ (vs. 13-16)

Point 2 - Growing into _____ (vs. 17-18)

Point 3 - Overflowing with _____ (vs. 12, 19-20)



The Worship of God

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Community Group Discussion Guide – 1 John 4:7-21

Ice Breaker

If perfect love drives out fear, why do you think we so often walk around in guilt and fear? What is the solution?

Discuss Together

What does it mean to abide in love?

What does John say are the inevitable consequences of knowing God's love in our lives? (vs. 12, 19-21)

In verse 16, John concludes, "And so we know and believe in the love God has for us." What do you understand that to mean? What does it look like for us to actively seek to "know and believe the love God has for us?"

Apply Together

According to commentator Dr. Daniel Akin, "Love is characterized by fear when there is a doubt it will be returned."

Four times John uses a form of the word perfect to describe love (vv. 12, 17, 18). The Greek word can also be translated "mature" or "complete" or "fulfilled." How is God's manifested love completed?

What specific fears are jeopardizing your ability to love others more fully?

When John says there is no fear in love, what kind of fear is he talking about? Fear of what? Why is it impossible to fear and to rely on God's love at the same time?

How will your understanding of God's perfect love destroy those fears?

How do Romans 8:15 and 1 John 4:18 explain the role of the Holy Spirit's effect on fear and love?

Provide a specific way the Lord may be calling you love in a risky and courageous way?