



LOVE OVERCOMES

1 John 4:8

*“There is
no fear in love,
but perfect love
casts out fear.”*

~ 1 John 4:18a, NRSV

The Big Ideas from the Message

- ◆ Fear keeps people from reaching God’s best for their life.
- ◆ Fear keeps people from taking courageous action.
- ◆ Perfect love drives out fear.
- ◆ Boldly following Jesus makes a genuine difference in the world.

Discussion Questions

1. Identify a few of the common fears preventing people from demonstrating bold love.
2. Share one fear in your life that might not be known to others in the group?
3. Fear can either be an unhealthy or a healthy emotion. Discuss a few healthy fears that serve people well.
4. The Christmas story is full of courageous and righteous decisions. What fears did Joseph face? Mary? the Magi? How did each of these handle these fears?
5. In what specific area of your life do you need to face down a fear and become bold?
6. For example: fear of the unknown / trust God. Fear of sharing faith/ develop a plan.

What will you do?

1. How could you demonstrate love this week with a few simple acts of faith?
2. C.S. Lewis encouraged Christians to forget about trying to decide IF you love someone, just act as if you do! Name a specific loving act you could do for someone you find difficult to love.

Believing the Good News

As you become familiar with God’s Word, it builds your faith. Take a few minutes this week to memorize the verse below. Hiding God’s Word in your heart adds many blessing to your walk with Him.