

## Week 5 Discussion Guide - Uncomplicated Love: God Makes Our Burden Light

### Ice Breaker:

What is your biggest fear? How long have you been afraid of it?

### Read:

1 John 4:16-21 as a group.

### Discussion:

1. John says “we know and rely on the love God has for us.” But what is different from God’s love than the world’s love? And what does it mean to “live in love?”
2. In vs. 17 John says we have confidence on the day of judgement. Practice explaining to one another what the good news of Jesus dying for our sins means. What are the core beliefs in the work of Christ that give us confidence?
3. Why do we so often want to avoid conflict and live in agreement with people who are far from God? How do we better live as a light instead of living like everyone else?
4. In vs. 18 we read that there is no fear in love. How does this love from God drive out our fears and insecurities? Do you have a personal example of how you’ve seen this take place in your life?

### Read:

1 John 5:1-5

### Application:

1. Are you confident in your faith and trust in what Jesus has done for you and what he is calling you into next? If not, discuss it with your group as you build one another up in the truth we find in this text.
2. Are you holding a rock or letting Jesus lighten a load? We talked about this in the sermon on Sunday. What can you trust Jesus with this week? Is it a fear or act of obedience? Are you called to action somewhere in your life and need to respond?