

# GROUP GUIDE

The Confidence in Love – Week 9 “Relentless Love”

## GOAL

This week’s discussion will help us understand that the evidence of God’s love isn’t only an external thing, rather something that exists inside of us.

## CONVERSATION STARTERS

- How was everyone’s week? Any Praise Reports/Testimonies of what God is doing?

## REVIEW

Ask group members to share their favorite points from the sermon,/what spoke to them/questions. **START by sharing YOUR favorite points/what spoke to you**

## SCRIPTURE AND MAIN POINTS

**Point #1 was “LIVING IN LOVE BRINGS CONFIDENCE”**

- Read **Matthw 11:20-24**
- Talk about why there is a greater level of accountability for us than those in the Old testament – what does that have to with our desire to live out our faith?

**Read 1 John 4:17 and James 2:22**

- What does it mean for our love to grow more perfect?
- What is the fruit of love growing perfect (completely developed)?

**Read Matthew 12:33, 1 Corinthians 15:58, and Deuteronomy 31:6**

- What does “making the tree good” have to do with “perfect love”?
- When you do these things, what is the benefit of confidence growing as a fruit?

**Point #2 was “LIVING IN LOVE DRIVES OUT FEAR”**

- Read **1 John 4:15** and discuss how the result of love being perfected drives out fear.
- Talk about how fear runs from what you carry (authority)
- How do we keep pride in check with this revelation (its what’s in us, not us) **Acts 1:8**

**Point #3 was “HONOR COVENANT WITH GOD”**

- Read **Romans 3:19-20** - what is the purpose of the law?
- Read **1 Corinthians 2:16** and discuss what it means that we have the mind of Christ?
- Read **Matthew 22:36-40** and discuss how love and law work hand in hand.
- Read **1 John 4:20** – why is that hypocrisy called a lie? What does this call us to do?

Wrap Up – Working out our faith through works helps to develop lifestyle of love and the fruit of confidence carries an authority that fear can not love in – if there is fear, there is more room to develop – law indicates where we have room to develop, it does not save us – but we have to live and honor covenant we have with God.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Ask for prayer requests and write them down – *as the group leader, pray for these requests during your week and make sure they are posted to the GROUP page on FB with who came to group.*

## END IN PRAYER