

**Lent—Love
Study Questions**

1 John 4:18-19; Romans 5:8; Matthew 22:36-40

Warm-up

1) Describe a time that you were fearful about something, but your love for someone was strong enough to move you past that fear.

A little deeper

2) [1 John 4:18-19] Perfect love drives out fear. Why is fear an indication that someone is not “perfect in love”?

How does someone face pain, hardship, or challenges with the ones they love unconditionally?

3) [Romans 5:8; 8:38-39] God demonstrated his unconditional love for us by Christ’s death on our behalf. How did Christ’s death for us (even as we sin) demonstrate His perfect love?

What did Jesus go through for us?

What do you think are the limits of God’s love?

4) [Matthew 22:36-40; James 2:14-17] The greatest commandments are to love God with all your being, and to love your neighbor as yourself... and we must follow through with action, not just kind words. What are some ways in which we can fool ourselves that we’re loving others fully?

How can we encourage each other to love more perfectly?

Bringing it home

5) How has God shown His perfect love in your life, perhaps even when you felt unlovable?

6) What are some hard sacrifices that you’ve been faced with when showing love to others (whether you eventually made the sacrifice or not)?

7) At the end of this week’s sermon, Pastor Kelly told us that love is...

- Rooted in God (His love for us)
- Freely given
- Never earned
- Shown by action

What aspects of this are hardest for you to come to terms with when either accepting love or loving someone else?