

Weird things happen when we make the wrong thing greater.

God's love is always greater than our fear.

*John 8:2-5*

1. What was she really afraid of?

*John 8:5-7*

2. So, what were they really afraid of?

3. What was Jesus "afraid" of?

*John 8:8-11*

What are we really afraid of?

4. What is perfect love?

*1 John 4:18-21*

## Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

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### Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

### Review:

God's Love is greater than our fear.

### Open Up:

Have you ever seen an act of overachieving go wrong?

### Discuss:

*Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.*

- ▶ Read John 8:4-5. The woman was fearful of being condemned and the leaders were fearful that their way of life was being challenged. Which do you see more in society today – fear of condemnation, fear of change or some other fear?
- ▶ Jesus' response to the woman in John 8 was different than the leaders expected. How might a kingdom response be different than the norm to some of today's fears?
- ▶ Pastor Ryan said, "Weird things happen when we make the wrong thing greater." What works for you to keep the main thing the main thing?
- ▶ Read 1 John 4:18-21. What could perfect love look like in real life today?

### Engage:

*Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.*

How does it change your perspective to know that Jesus does not condemn you but offers you perfect love?

In what way can you receive his greater love this week?

### Pray:

*Pray that we become more and more aware of greater love. Pray that love overflows from our lives in ways people can see, and are compelled to experience him in new ways.*