***Core Seminars—Fear of Man***

**Class 5: A New Vision for Life:**

**Loving & Serving,**

**Not Fearing & Needing**

*“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”* (I John 4:18)

## Reorientation to God that is from God

*-His is a costly love*

*-He had a choice and He chose us—this doesn’t boost our self-esteem, this devastates our pride.*

*-Rejoice in this God that has accepted, protected, covered us.*

1. **Reorientation to other people**

*-Because of God’s costly love towards us, we can take big risks in our relationships with other people.*

*-Difference between loving/serving and needing*

**III. Who do we need to love and serve?**

*-Enemies (Luke 6:27-33)*

*- Neighbors (Matthew 22:39)*

*-Family*

*-Christians (Gal. 6:10)*

*- God (Matthew 22:37-38)*

**IV. What shape does this loving and serving take?**

*-I Corinthians 13 kind of love:*

* + 1. *Quality of speech/teaching doesn’t matter without love.*
    2. *Sacrifice and giving without love is worthless…in other words, sacrifice doesn’t equal love.*
    3. *Love is patient*
    4. *Kind*
    5. *Does not envy*
    6. *Does not boast*
    7. *Is not proud*
    8. *Is not rude*
    9. *Is not self-seeking*
    10. *Is not easily angered*
    11. *Keeps no record of wrongs*
    12. *Does not delight in evil*
    13. *Rejoices with the truth*
    14. *Always protects*
    15. *Always trusts*
    16. *Always hopes*
    17. *Always perseveres*
    18. *Never fails*

*-How this takes shape in the Church and serves to show the Gospel*

*-God loved us first…He loves the ones we fear*

1. **Developing a true servant’s heart—How do we carry out a heart of love?**

*-Consider motivation.*

*-Look to Jesus (Philippians 2:3-7).*

*-Pray and confess.*

*-Minister to others in specific ways.*

1. **Results of loving and serving rather than fearing and needing**

*-Unity*

*-Genuine respect and appreciation for others*

*-Fruit of the Spirit*

1. **Conclusion**