



## Discussion Guide for “Courage to Love”

### *Identity Crisis Week 5*

Jesus says the defining mark of the Church is our love. Could it be in the end that fear is what keeps us from participating in God’s new life? What does having the courage to love look like?

#### **Scriptures for Further Reading**

[Psalm 148](#)

[John 13:31-35](#)

[Acts 11:1-18](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:19-26](#)

[Revelation 21:1-6](#)

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. What’s the bravest thing you’ve ever done?
2. In the list of those outside the city in Revelation 21, the cowardly are listed first. Is this surprising to you? Do you usually associate cowardice with Sin? Discuss.
3. Reread Jesus’ words to his followers in John 13:31-35. Why did the disciples abandon Jesus later in the night? How does Jesus’ resurrection embolden them?
4. Why does Love take courage? Who are you afraid to love? God? Another person or group of people? Yourself? Why?
5. How does Jesus’ resurrection and the power of the Spirit embolden you to love this week?