

## Outline: Emmanuel Ministry - Elevating The Relational Component To Promote Spiritual Growth In Your Group

The opposite of love is \_\_\_\_\_.

“Adam where are you?” “I heard you walking in the garden so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.”

Fear is the consequence, the motivator, and the propagator of \_\_\_\_\_. It is the hallmark or signature characteristic of a fallen world. A fallen world is a world that has fallen away from Love. God is Love.

Fear Categories:

- Misjudgement/Condemnation/Rejection
- Vulnerability/Subjection to the will of others/Being hurt
- The unpredictable/The unfamiliar/The uncontrollable/ The unknown/

Internal statements of fear:

- People will assume things about me or presume to know me.
- People don't value me. They only care about themselves.
- What if something terrible happens? Everything falls apart. Something bad always happens. I couldn't handle it if...

**Fear is a disease.** It eats away at our hearts, our minds, and our souls, even our physical bodies until we waste away.

**The world gives us so many legit reasons to fear.**

**God gives us a picture in Psalm 23 of what it looks like to live in a fallen world yet not live according fear.**

God sent his Son to be **with us** so that we would be cured of the disease of fear.

**Emmanuel = God with us**

*All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). — [Matthew 1:22–23](#)*

**Why is it important for people to know that God is with them?**

## **The establishing of the body of Christ**

- Jesus assured his disciples He'd \_\_\_\_\_ even until the end.
- He commissioned them to reach the world with his gospel but he commanded them to wait for the coming of the Spirit of Truth who would help them, fill them with power, guide them in all truth, comfort them.
- He told them this was a better way to reach the world than for him to stay on earth in the flesh.
- He gave them his \_\_\_\_\_ to carry on.

### **1. How do you define Relational Connection?**

### **2. How do you define Spiritual Growth?**

God's plan to heal and save the world is to flood it with Love- First with Jesus in the flesh then with Christ through his body (church):

His plan is fulfilled when we - Love God & Love our Neighbors

- It is nearly impossible to do one without the other
- If you love me feed my sheep

### **There is something bigger at stake!**

Community is about more than meetings and studies.

Community is who you trust; it's who you reach out to to celebrate your good news; it's who you'll trust enough to share your fears; it's who reaches out to you just to see how you're doing; it's who thinks of you in their prayer time or while they are out and about at your favorite store. Community are those you share moments with. They are never far.

**What are some practical ways that you can elevate the relational component to promote spiritual growth in your group? List 3 ways, write them down, then pray and ask God to use them to reveal his love and that he is with the members of your group. This will promote spiritual growth in them and in you.**