

Small Group Study Guide



“Ralph Breaks the Internet”

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OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you know how fear takes over in our lives at times. And when it does, you know how it starts to manifest itself in the way we behave in our relationships. In those moments Father, remind us that we have a choice. We have a choice to trust in you so that we may choose love over fear. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE:

1 Corinthians 12:31b

And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails

1 John 4:18

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.



INTRODUCTION

Six years after Wreck It Ralph, Ralph and Vanellope are now life-long best friends. Their lives couldn't be more perfect, until Vanellope's game, Sugar Rush is broken and unplugged. But luckily, thanks to the newly installed WI-FI router in the arcade, Ralph and Vanellope now embark on an adventure to find a Sugar Rush steering wheel and save Vanellope's game. But on their journey, Vanellope discovers a new place she would like to call home and it causes some insecurity in Ralph which strains their relationship. In the end, there is only one thing he can do.

Like Ralph, many of us struggle with inevitable changes that take place in our relationships. Unfortunately, change is the breeding ground for fear. Once we give into fear, our insecurities manifest themselves in three ways – jealousy, clinginess, and control. The Apostle Paul tells us that there is a better way in our relationships – love. However, it's easier said than done because there is a gap between fear and love. And if we want to bridge that gap between fear and love we must learn to trust in our relationships. That's what Ralph finally does at the end of our movie.

QUESTIONS

- 1) Who was your 'best friend' from childhood? Are you still friends with them? If not, what happened to end your friendship?
- 2) How well do you handle changes (circumstances change, the person changes etc.) in a relationship?
- 3) In the message, Eric stated that there are three signs of insecurity in a relationship – 1) jealousy, 2) clinginess, 3) control. Which one of these do you struggle with the most in your relationships? How does it affect those relationships?
- 4) Read I Corinthians 13:4-8a on page 1. Why do you think Paul says so many things that love is not?
- 5) How easy or hard is it for you to trust God and not fear the future?

FINAL APPLICATION

This week spend time reflecting on where insecurities are showing up in your relationships.