

Small Group Study Guide

ICE BREAK

- Talk about a time when fear caused you to hurt yourself. Hurt others.
 - What unique fear do you have?
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STUDY

This week we focus on the power of FEAR in our lives and how it is vital to our relationship with God.

What did you hear in this week's sermon that was new about the power of fear?

- 1. Genesis 3.10 "Adam was afraid of God and hid".**
a. How are fear and hiding intertwined? b. What are some ways we try to hide-from God. -From others?
c. **Psalm 46.1-2** How does God normally react to our fears? d. Why is fear mentioned 100s of times in the Bible? Why is God so concerned about our fears?
- 2. Hebrews 2.18, 2 Tim. 1.7** a. Where does a spirit of fear originate? b. How has fear been your ally? c. How can fear help us and protect us? d. How has fear helped you change/grow? e. How has the fear of God been abused in religion?
- 3. Exodus 14.31** a. How does fear of the Lord lead us to trust him? b. **Deut. 10.12 & 2 Chron 19.7:** We can be Instructed and Learn to fear the Lord. How does that process work? In Child-rearing? Work world? In our Relationship with God?
- 4. ...Proverbs 1.7, 9.10, 14.27, 16.6 The fear of the Lord leads to Praise, Knowledge, Wisdom, Rescue from Spiritual snares and danger.** a. Discuss the specific ways Awe of God leads to these benefits/results.
- 5. ...Psalm 34.4,7 "Fear of the Lord leads to the death of all fears"** a. How has your walk with God helped you overcome fears in your life.
 - a. Discuss: "The remarkable thing about God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else." Oswald Chambers

- b. What is a specific fear you have overcome through your fear of God?
 - c. Talk about someone you initially feared but eventually learned from and grew from that relationship.
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REFLECT

- Reflect on what it means to fear, respect, have awe of God in light of the message this week. .
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PRAY

- Pray for each other's deepening and transformational fear of God.
- Follow up on past prayer requests.
- Pray that delight in the fear of the Lord will flow into others' lives.