

# LIFEGROUPS

## BASICS : FEAR OF GOD

***The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. Proverbs 1:7***

1. Why is a person who fears God contrasted with a fool? Is it foolish to not fear God? Do you fear God?

*"One of the biggest issues that you see in Scripture is the fear of God."*

2. Make a list of some of the ways you relate to God.  
Rank them.  
Where does fear rank on that list?
3. Do you think you relate to God the way He wants you to relate to Him?

***The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise. Psalm 111:10***

4. Does the idea of fearing God make you uncomfortable?

*"And when people came in contact with this God, it didn't look like just a respect or an awe ... it sure appears that they are terrified."*

5. What terrifies you? Are you terrified of God? Do you want to be terrified of God? What would it take for you to be terrified of God?
6. Is it possible to fear something so much that you are paralyzed? Can you be paralyzed and still know God?

***"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Isaiah 6:5 // "When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. Revelation 1:17a***

7. Imagine you saw God - today - right now. Would you respond to God as Isaiah & John did?

***"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Isaiah 6:5-7***

8. How did God calm Isaiah's fear? Does God do the same for you?

***When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last." Revelation 1:17***

9. How did Jesus calm John's fears? Does Jesus calm your fears?
10. What does this teach us about fearing God and our relationship with him? Would you turn to the one you fear?

***What, then shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31***

11. What would it take for you to believe God is for you? Are you willing to claim and live out of that truth daily? How would your life look different if you did?
12. Do you see yourself as God's child? His friend?  
Do you see yourself as part of the church, His bride?  
How would your life change if you saw yourself the way God sees you?

***The fear of the LORD leads to life: Then one rests content, untouched by trouble. Proverbs 19:23***

*"Without the fear of the Lord, you're not gonna understand why you should follow Jesus. Without a proper understanding of the fear of the Lord, we wouldn't understand the power that's available to us through the Holy Spirit."*

**Pray.**

***Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a real, genuine fear of God. Can you do that? Are you afraid to do that?***