

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of January 17-23, 2021

“THE FEAR OF THE LORD”

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

How do you feel about the Wisdom Challenge so far?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. When you think of “fear of the Lord,” what is the first thing that comes to mind? When we look around, there are parts of creation that help us realize we aren’t the center of the universe. This should cause us to realize our place and worship God. What are things that causes you to stand in awe of God?
2. Awe amnesia always leads to awe replacement. What do you think has replaced the awe of God in your life in the past year?
3. How would you define being “blessable”? What makes a person “blessable” according to Proverbs 22:4? What are some of the blessings God has given you in your life?
4. When you see a social media post with #blessed, what's your immediate gut reaction? (e.g. joy, envy, gratitude, annoyance, etc.) Where do you especially need to grow in humility and the fear of the Lord (e.g. at work, as a parent, in your marriage, in the way that you approach church, etc)?
5. Proverbs 14:26-27 says a wise life is secure and full of life—like a fortress, refuge or fountain. Reflecting back on the different proverbs you’ve read over the past week, how would following the instruction of wisdom lead to this kind of life? Share some of your learnings from your daily readings from Proverbs.

6. Pastor Nic said, “Fearing God in the right way and loving God go hand in hand.” How does a Christian grow in a healthy fear of God?

7. [NEXT STEPS]

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

- ☐ I will seek, by God’s grace, to restore my awe of God.
- ☐ I will remember that God is my Master.
- ☐ I will seek to be blessable.
- ☐ I will establish the discipline of reading God’s Word everyday.
- ☐ I will seek to obey God’s Word.

Don’t forget to:

- ☐ Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- ☐ Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God’s Word.
- ☐ Commit 30 minutes a day for God’s intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray that you will grow in a healthy fear of the Lord.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.