

Questions for eGroup Discussion

Letting Fear Drive Your Life

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How to Use This Guide in a Group Setting

Group Participants: Review your notes from the message and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to you about your life. Come to eGroup prepared to participate. Watch the message online if you missed it live.

Group Leaders: Give everyone the chance to share, focusing on the questions that connect most with your group. Don't feel you must answer every question. If someone missed the message, allow time for others to fill them in on the main points and highlights.

Getting Started

Describe a time you did something (of didn't do something) simply because you were afraid of what someone would think.

Embrace the Gospel

In our eGroup discussion guides, we're utilizing a simple structure for studying the Bible together, based on the acronym S.O.A.P. ...

Spirit: *Invite The Holy Spirit To Speak To You and To Guide Your Discussion*

Begin by praying and inviting the Spirit's activity into your discussion and application of God's Word.

Observation: *What Does This Passage Say?*

Read aloud Luke 12:1-12.

What stands out to you from these verses (in terms of words, phrases, themes, personalities, interactions, etc.), or stood out to you from this week's message by Pastor Alan on these verses?

What questions do they raise, surprises do they contain, or impact do they have on you?

What do these verses teach us about God and His heart for us? What do they teach about what it means to be an authentic Christ-follower?

From the past couple of weekends' messages, and verse 1, what do we know about the Pharisees' biggest short-comings from Jesus' perspective?

In what ways do these things grow like yeast in them? How do they grow similarly in people today?

In verses 2-3, where do Jesus' words of admonition focus in speaking to the heart of what's really behind the Pharisees' problems? What insight does this provide for us today?

Why does Jesus encourage His disciples to fear, and yet be fearless (verses 4-7)?

Embrace the Gospel Continued

What's at the heart of Jesus' teaching here?

In his message this weekend, Pastor Alan gave us three aspects of what's involved in "fearing God": Reverence, Intimacy, and Allegiance.

Describe how we see these three things being taught by Jesus in verses 5-12, and what they mean.

What is Jesus' longing for us to respond to Him in a healthy way in each of these areas?

Application: *What Is God Saying To Me?*

In what area do you most see yourself being like the Pharisees?

To what degree are your decisions based on the potential response of others, or by fear in general?

How can you be more intentional in exchanging the fear of others for the fear of God?

Given this weekend's message and your eGroup discussion, what do you believe Jesus is most wanting you to hear and respond to right now?

What's involved in you receiving and responding to His direction in this area?

As a part of your response, how can your eGroup be praying for and supporting you?

Experience the Spirit

Prayer: *Ask For God's Help In Living Out His Word*

Begin by praying for specific issues and spiritual stirrings that have occurred because of this weekend's message and eGroup discussion.

When done praying for these things, spend time praying for general needs and concerns for one another.

Engage in Mission

Serving Our Community in Community.

It's our desire that every individual and eGroup at Christ Community compassionately moves toward people who are lost, needy, and broken, demonstrating the love of Jesus in highly relational ways.

One last reminder that we have an opportunity to do this collectively as a church this coming Saturday, August 12, on our second Serve Day of the Summer. As you've been hearing, this day we'll be coming alongside our non-profit ministry partners here in Greeley in a variety of ways.

This week, why not talk about participating on August 12 as an eGroup, and then register online from the banner on the home page of our church website in the next couple of weeks: www.cccgreeley.org. That way we'll know you are coming, and can plan projects and food accordingly.



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