

Fear Not

When You Don't Feel Good Enough for God

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:8-11 NIV

For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law ... We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. Romans 3:20-22 NLT

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's your favorite Christmas movie?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Read **Luke 2:8-11**. God chose to share the news of Jesus with lowly shepherds. What does this show us about who God is, and who He includes in His family?
- What are some reasons people might try to earn God's love, acceptance, or forgiveness, rather than depending on His unconditional love?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- When was the first time you realized your need for a Savior? What was that experience like?
- How can we confront our fears of not being good enough for God with truth?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Dear God, thank You for loving me, even when I'm at my lowest. Please confront my fears with truth, and give me greater trust in Your love. I don't need to earn Your love, I simply need to accept it. Help silence my negative self-talk so I can pursue You with confidence. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- [Take a few minutes every day this week to remind yourself of how much God loves you.](#)
- Start the *Overcomer: Finding Strength in Hard Seasons* Bible Plan using Plans with Friends: www.go2.lc/fearnot
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.