

Group Questions – *Christian Atheist: Week 2*

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Getting to Know Me Questions:

- What is a gift you received that you will never forget?
- What is something you have purchased that you had customized to you?

Into the Bible Questions:

- What's something from the teaching that you learned, that stood out, interesting, etc?
- What is your gut definition of fearing God? How does the word "fear" make you feel about God?
- How is the Western perspective of fearing God different from a biblical perspective?
- We were given two similar definitions for the idea of fearing God:
 - Loving God + Respecting God = Fearing God
 - Loving Respect + Respectful Love = Fear of God
- How do you respond to those definitions? Helpful or not? What would you add or subtract from them?
- Does your life reflect your understanding of God more as a loving Father or a righteous Judge? Do you think you need more balance? If so, how?
- **READ** Genesis 22:1-19
- How do you think you'd respond if God asked you to do something crazy like what He asked of Abraham and Isaac?
- Read quote by Pastor Ray Pritchard about the fear of the Lord... "The fear of the Lord is an ongoing attitude of my heart that causes me to choose over and over again to obey God even when it might be easier to do something else. The fear of the Lord is not cringing fear, which is respect without love. And it is not irreverent flippancy, which is love without respect."
- How do you respond/feel/think regarding this quote?
- **READ:** Proverbs 9:10; Proverbs 14:27; Proverbs 22:4
- Talk about and respond to these passages regarding what it looks like and means to Fear the Lord.
- In what area of your life are you not fearing and not obeying God? What are you going to do about it?

Application Questions:

- Write down two or three action steps you'll take to fear the Lord in a way you haven't been. If comfortable, share them with the group for support.
- One way to start is to have a regular daily time with God. Here's a simple place to start, just type this into your browser: go2.lc/renewal