



# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM MAY 18/19 SERMON

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**ICEBREAKER:** This weekend, we focused on the word “fear”, and specifically, what it means to “fear the Lord” as a believer. With that said, as an icebreaker, share what you believe are some of the biggest fears Americans have today. What do you hear from family members, friends, neighbors, coworkers etc. on what they are “afraid” of these days?

1. Read our passage from this weekend, [Nehemiah 6:1-14](#).

What do we learn from Nehemiah’s example in this passage regarding how to respond to the cultural pressures of this world and of man?

2. Read [1 John 4:15-18](#), [Proverbs 1:7](#), [Proverbs 9:10](#), [Deut.10:12,20](#), and [Deut. 13:4](#).

There are many more passages we could examine regarding the fear of God. This weekend, we looked at two main Hebrew words in the Old Testament regarding “fear” of God. One is a noun (Proverbs 1:7 and 9:10) and one is a verb (Deut. 10:12,20 and Deut. 13:4). We discussed there’s an aspect of the believer being identified/positionally as one who has fear of God, and as believers, we are called to a state of being/act in reverent fear of God.

How would you explain to someone the difference between an unbeliever’s and a believer’s fear of God? For example, if someone asked you, “I heard you say as a Christian, you have a fear of God, why are you afraid of God?”

3. Read [Nehemiah 5:9](#) and [6:13](#). We said this weekend:

**A believer operating in fear of man, in order to please man,  
leads to disobedience.**

Share some practical examples where you have experienced this in your life or in the lives of other believers. The goal is not to be judgmental but to simply share where believers at times give into the fear of man.

4. Read [Psalm 56:11](#) and [2 Timothy 1:7-8](#). We said this weekend:

**A believer operating in reverent fear of God, in order to  
please God, leads to obedience.**

Discuss how a believer can make sure they set themselves up each day to operate in reverent fear of God. How does that practically occur in the believer's life?