

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

:: FEARLESS Series – Part 3 :: September 27, 2015



Welcome & Prayer

JESUS – thank you creating each person in our group, and for creating all of us for community. Please fill us with your Holy Spirit, and help us learn & grow in our relationship with You and each other. Amen.

Connect: 3 KEY THINGS

- :: **WHO** has been a **KEY** person in your **Life this year?** (spouse, child, friend, employer...)
- :: **WHAT** has been a **KEY** event in your **Life this year?**
- :: **WHERE** has been a **KEY** place in your **Life this year?** (city, work, school, holiday spot, church...)

Check In

- :: Each time we meet as a Group we'll take a few minutes to share a bit about how we're learning & growing in our own personal journey with **GOD**. This for accountability & encouragement.
- :: **How can we as a group encourage one another to spend intentional time with Jesus this Fall?**
{Devotional ideas (Prayer booklets...), Bible Reading Plan, Podcasts, Accountability, Hearing God...}
- :: **What is one area of your relationship with Jesus that you'd like to grow in this season?**
- :: **What has God been showing you or speaking to you about in your personal time with Him this past week?** (eg. through Bible reading, Prayer, Devotions, Worship, time in Creation...)

Sunday Message Feedback:

What jumped out at you from Sunday's message?

- : Which particular point or passage of Scripture most challenged, confused or caught your attention?
- : What did Jesus say to you this past week through the message?

- 1. KNOW FEAR: What causes your heartbeat to race and your palms to sweat? Why? Share.**
:: Think about your fear. What is it about your fear that makes you afraid?
(What does your fear make you believe will happen?)
- 2. When you get scared or are overcome with fear what tends to be your first response or action? Share.**
- 3. Has your fear ever caused you to make a bad decision?**
If comfortable, share with your group...
- 4. Should Christ followers have a different response to fear? If so, what should it be?**
- 5. READ 2 Chronicles 20:1-30** (Read the entire passage through)
Now **READ 2 Chronicles 20:3-4**
 - a. How did Jehoshaphat respond to his fears?**

b. When you are afraid...at what point do you turn your focus to God?

6. READ 2 Chronicles 20:6-12

(as Jehoshaphat's prayer is read - have your group listen and look for things that jump out to them).

a. When you are afraid do your prayers sound like Jehoshaphat's? Why/why not?

b. Most people, when afraid, pray about what they are afraid of. Yet, Jehoshaphat's focus was not simply on his fears but specifically his focus was on his God.

:: What does Jehoshaphat's prayer tell us about his view of God?

(Jehoshaphat rehearses what he know about God from his past. He looks to his past to face his present and knows that God's past faithfulness means that he can trust Him in the present.)

Jehoshaphat knew the presence and voice of God in his life which helped him overcome his fears.

NOTE: If you want to learn to hear God's voice more clearly join us for the five week *Hearing God Workshop* beginning Wednesday October 7, 2015.

7. Pastor Shawn concluded by describing 4 words that we see in this passage that help us overcome fear:

1. WORSHIP – This brings us into a proper perspective of God and our issues.

2. WAIT – God rarely allows us to walk forward without first learning to wait.

3. WALK – Walking is obedience – it's doing what God says.

4. WATCH – This is where we get to see God deliver and breakthrough in our lives.

Sadly, many never see this because they don't practice the first three words.

Application & Prayer

:: Which Word (or step) do you need to practice and apply to your life in order to watch God help you overcome your fears? _____ Discuss.

:: Use your responses to the above question as points of prayer for one another.

"Jesus – I thank You for (NAME), and pray that you would fill them with Your Holy Spirit, and help them to (WORSHIP, WAIT, WALK or WATCH) this week."

:: Our next Life Group meeting will be _____.

:: Who is on Snack/Refreshments? _____.

Coming Up at Main Street

STARTING Wed. October 7

:: HEARING GOD Workshop Begins – 7pm - Main Street Auditorium. (5 Wednesdays)

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