

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

“Do Not Be Afraid” – Pastor Chad Gilligan

5.6.24

- 1) What is something you’re afraid of? (Could be small like bugs, heights, the dark etc.)**

Read Matthew 10:24-25 – “Students are not greater than their teacher, and slaves are not greater than their master. 25 Students are to be like their teacher, and slaves are to be like their master. And since I, the master of the household, have been called the prince of demons, the members of my household will be called by even worse names!”

- 2) Was there a time you were misunderstood that led you to have a hard time? How was it resolved?**
- 3) How have you seen other people misunderstand Christians?**

Read Matthew 10:22 and John 16:33 – “And all nations will hate you because you are my followers. But everyone who endures to the end will be saved.

“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

- 4) What brings you comfort when you experience difficulties because of your faith?**
- 5) Why do you think persecution surprises some Christians when it happens to them?**

Read Philippians 2:5-8 – “You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. 6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. 7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, 8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.”

- 6) What things in life are worth conflict?**
- 7) Have you ever experienced conflict with someone because of your faith? How did you handle it?**
- 8) How can we face conflict in a God-honoring way?**

Prayer: Take time to pray for the needs of your group.