

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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SUMMER ON THE MOVE

Fear

Matthew 10:26-33

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NOTES

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you?

What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our community group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?



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Pastor Chris reminded us how trusting in God's love and sovereignty can diminish the impact of fear in our hearts and minds.

MY STORY

What are some common fears with which many people wrestle? Which one of these comes close to home for you?

WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO HEAR?

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? [b] And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 10:26-33)

Who was Jesus saying not to fear? (See last week's verses, Matthew 10:16-25).

Jesus told the disciples to not hesitate when it came to proclaiming the Gospel. Why might certain fears cause them to hold back?

Why did Jesus focus on how much God values each person? What relevance does that have when it comes to dealing with our fears?

What does God want us to hear? Based on the passage and the questions above, what "takeaways" do you think God has revealed to you?

WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO DO?

How can a person's fears shape his or her decision-making?

What's the value in being brutally honest about naming what we fear the most?

Why would God want us to talk with Him about those potential losses?

How can our faith in God's love and sovereignty diminish the intensity of our fears?

What does God want us to do? Flowing out of our reading and interpretation, what action does this passage or the Spirit's leading, call us to?

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?

What do you fear losing the most?

Think about how your fears have shaped your decision-making.

How can meditating how much God loves and values you help you to put your fears aside so that they become less debilitating?

What type of peaceful space do you think God is inviting you into, especially in regard to your biggest fears?

What does God want ME to do? What is the personal application and action step God is calling you, personally, toward?