Series: Fear{Less}

Message: Starting point: Fear the Lord

May 6, 2018

Life Group Study

For week of May 6, 2018

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout

the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with

All fear is learned.

### Living fear{less} requires unlearning:

Irrational fears, misconceptions and lies. Matthew 5:38-44

# The beginning place is the Fear of the lord.

Proverbs 1:7 | Proverbs 9:10 | 1 John 4:18

- o Fear: Understanding who God is
- Wisdom: knowledge <u>applied to life</u>.

#### Steps to fear{less}

Proverbs 3:5-6 | Proverbs 4:18 | Proverbs 1:33 | Isaiah 55:6-11 | Psalm 19:9

- 1. Acknowledge the fear.
- 2. Unlearn the misconception or lie in light of God's truth.
- 3. Apply the wisdom of God's truth into the <u>practice</u> of my life.

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#### **Share your story**

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

What was your greatest fear from childhood? Does it still haunt you today? If not, how did you master it?

What's your greatest fear today? What do you think lead you to that place of fear?

## **Connect to God's story**

To "fear the Lord" is to live in awe and reverence of all that God is (his holiness, righteousness, justice, love, mercy, grace, compassion, patience, etc.) which leads us to respond in trust and obedience.

#### Read Psalm 111:10.

What is foundational to true wisdom? Why do you think the "fear of the Lord" is an important place to begin?

How do you grow in wisdom? How does life typically go for people who don't grow in wisdom?

Read the following passages and then write down what you learn about the "fear of the Lord":	Together in prayer.
	As a church, let us come together in prayer.
Proverbs 1:24-33 -	<ul> <li>Pray for the continued work of the Holy Spirit from Ladies retreat.</li> </ul>
Proverbs 2:2-6 –	<ul> <li>Pray for a positive response for our community for all our summer impact events.</li> </ul>
Proverbs 8:12-14 -	<ul> <li>Pray for opportunity in your life to speak life, pray for courage and wisdom to make the most of every</li> </ul>
Proverbs 9:10-12 -	opportunity.
Proverbs 10:27 –	<ul> <li>Pray for our city! For God to reveal Himself in transforming ways.</li> </ul>
Proverbs 14:26-27 –	<ul> <li>Pray for the bids on the scheduled work on the remodel of our new building.</li> </ul>
Proverbs 15:16 & 33 -	<ul> <li>Pray for the city planning meeting approval of proposed renovations of our new building.</li> </ul>
Proverbs 16:5 –	<ul> <li>Pray for the one. May God draw each person into a living relationship with Himself.</li> </ul>
Proverbs 19:23 –	<ul> <li>Pray for my next step in reaching the one I am praying for.</li> </ul>
Proverbs 22:4 –	<ul> <li>Pray for boldness to reach our community with the love of Jesus.</li> </ul>
Proverbs 23:17-18 –	
Look over what you wrote and spend some time talking with the Lord about what you've read. What are ways you can respond this week to the Lord in trust and obedience?	Notes:
Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom.	
Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.	

- Proverbs 9:10 (NLT)