
The beginning place is the Fear of the Lord.

Proverbs 1:7 | Proverbs 9:10

Fear: Understanding who God is/Wisdom: Truth applied to life.

You are made for this:

Psalms 139 | Joshua 1:9 | Romans 12:1-2 | 2 Corinthians 12:9

- You are able.
- God partners with you.
- You are transforming all the time.

Wisdom: To live fear{less}

Isaiah 43:1-3 | Job 33:28-30 | 2 Corinthians 12:9 | Colossians 3:15-17

- Comparison is worthless.
- You are not responsible for outcomes.
- Do-over's is part of the plan.
- Grace is greater than our inadequacy.
- Be thank{full}.

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 Jesus & His church by joining one today! www.seekreallife.com/groups

Share your story

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

Do you ever struggle with the fear of not measuring up to someone else? What dangers come with comparing yourself to someone else?

In what ways have you felt inadequate? What might be causing those feelings of inadequacy?

Connect to God's Story

How do the following passages help you overcome the feelings of inadequacy that all of us face from time to time? Write next to the verse the help that you find:

Ephesians 2:8-10:

2 Peter 1:3-5:

Philippians 4:11-13:

Romans 7:4-6:

Galatians 2:20-21:

Read 1 Samuel 16:1-7. *This story opens with the prophet of God, Samuel, mourning God's rejection of Saul - the first king of Israel. By all appearances he was the best choice but it had all gone wrong.*

Why was Samuel afraid? How did God answer him? What do you do when you know God wants you to do something and yet he doesn't give you all the details?

Why does Samuel think Eliab is a great choice? How reliable are your eyes when you make decisions?

Read Proverbs 3:5-6.

Have you ever tried leaning on God's understanding rather than your own? Why can this be so difficult? Can our eyes actually make it difficult to see?

Read Judges 6:11-16.

How do you think the way God sees you might be different from the way you see yourself? What do you do when how you see things differs from how God sees things?

What is one thing you can do this week to allow God to shape how you view yourself rather than other people or even yourself?

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
Do not depend on your own understanding.
Seek his will in all you do,
and he will show you which path to take.*

- Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

Together in Prayer.

As a church, let us come together in prayer.

- ◆ Pray for students under pressure and discouragement.
- ◆ Pray for a positive response for our community for all our summer impact events.
- ◆ Pray for opportunity in your life to speak life, pray for courage and wisdom to make the most of every opportunity.
- ◆ Pray for our city! For God to reveal Himself in transforming ways.
- ◆ Pray for the bids on the scheduled work on the remodel of our new building.
- ◆ Pray for the city planning meeting approval of proposed renovations of our new building.
- ◆ Pray for the one. May God draw each person into a living relationship with Himself.
- ◆ Pray for my next step in reaching the one I am praying for.
- ◆ Pray for boldness to reach our community with the love of Jesus.

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