

DISCUSSION GUIDE

LEARNING TO FEAR GOD
Deuteronomy 14:22-23
Build to Equip — Week 3

ICEBREAKER: What food items did you eat so far today?

OVERVIEW: It has been said that the command to “fear not” is the most repeated command in the Bible. And while it is true that there are many things we don’t need to fear as Christians, there is one thing we are repeatedly commanded to fear — God Himself. The fear of God is a mega-theme in Scripture. In this study we will go deeper with how to grow in the fear of the Lord.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday’s message?)
2. What are some of your biggest fears?
3. What do Christians NOT need to fear? Why?
4. What is courage, and how can Christians grow in it?

5. Read Psalm 31:19-20.
 - a. This passage describes the fear of the Lord as taking refuge in God (v. 19). What does it mean to take refuge in God?
 - b. What promises are made in this passage to those who fear the Lord?
 - c. If God promises to protect those who fear Him, why do Christians often suffer?
6. For the following questions, refer to Sunday’s sermon.
 - a. What does it mean to fear the Lord?
 - b. What are the characteristics of a person who fears God?
 - c. What are the benefits promised to those who fear the Lord?
 - d. How does tithing help us to grow in the fear of the Lord?

The Last Word: “If we are devoted to God’s fear, we will be delivered from all other fear.” Charles Spurgeon

