



Parent's Study Guide

The Goal Of This Series: Help students see that God invites us into a relationship with him that calls us out of fear and allowing fear to rule our lives.

Week #1: The affect of fear

This week we wanted students to see the affect of fear in our lives. Fear can easily rule our lives rather than letting Christ and what he is calling us into to rule our lives. We talked about a few key things we see across scripture as we look at fear:

- Fear is an effect of sin
- Fear often leads us into sin
- Fear can hold us back from what God wants us to do.

The Key Passages: Genesis 3:1-10, Genesis 18:10-5, Psalm 56:3

At the end of the message, we asked students to consider three questions:

- 1) What are you afraid of?
- 2) How does fear affect your life?
- 3) What would it look like to fully seek God's invitation out of fear?

Exercise With Parents:

We always like to continue the conversations we're starting on Wednesday Night later on Sunday Night in small groups. In this series, we're also inviting students to continue to talk about fear and what they are learning with their parents. Why...a few reasons:

- Parents deal with fear as well!
- Parents know us the most and can recognize fear in our lives
- Parents love us and daily help us deal with the fear in our lives

Week #1: How does fear affect you?

We encouraged students to do three things with their parents... 1) Share the card that they wrote on Wednesday Night following the message, and 2) Ask their parents to listen to the message online, and 3) invite their parents to talk about the message after they listened to it.

Possible Discussion Questions With Your Kids:

(After listening to the message online and reading your student's card, consider talking about a few things with your student)

- 1) What are you as a parent afraid of? What fears do you have?
- 2) How has fear affected your life? How did it affect your life as a teenager?
- 3) How do you see fear affecting your student's life?
- 4) What do you hope they get out of this teaching series?

Note: These questions are all questions that might be good for you to answer for your child. We do encourage you to ask some questions from the message and do a lot of listening to your child as they talk about fear. I would encourage us as adults to take a posture of learning together and sharing from our lives rather than teaching. We want to listen respectfully to our kids and make it as safe as possible to share their fears with us. We also want to be honest about our own fears with our kids. May God lead you in this and give you some time to talk this week! Thanks for loving your students!

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