

Small Group Homework

LEADER'S GUIDE

For the Week of May 10, 2015
(Questions and Scriptures for Small Group Time)

MAIN IDEA: Study what it means to fear the Lord and discuss how that affects your current relationship with Jesus.

*****Reminder: This is the last week of session 3 of our small groups. Be sure to discuss with your group what your summer plans will be. Will you meet consistently? Take a full break for the summer? Meet sporadically? Make sure everyone in your group knows the plan. Small Groups officially kick off again the week of September 13th, 2015!**

GETTING STARTED

1. As we've been studying through the book of Proverbs over the last several months, what thought or idea has challenged you most?

2. What are you looking forward to this summer?

BIBLE STUDY

3. Check out the following verses in the Bible and the corresponding questions.
Read Philippians 2:12-18.

According to Philippians 2:13, the strength to follow God doesn't come from ourselves, but from God's strength in us. Describe a time you had to rely on God's strength and God's will to do what He asked you to do?

Read Hebrews 13:18.

Describe some ways that you have had to act honorably when what you really wanted to do was lash out?

4. Do the following two verses contradict themselves? ***Don't be afraid to let some debate happen here. This is a great question to hear what people believe. It gives us a starting point inside someone's worldview as we continue to disciple and lead.**

Proverbs 9:10 & 1 John 4:18

Why or why not?

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5. In your opinion, why is the "fear of the Lord" the beginning of wisdom?
6. Could your fear of the Lord or lack of fear, be influencing your current relationship with Christ? Why or why not? ***The foundation of our faith in God, even our salvation, began by fearing God. It was that moment we realized we were sinful in front of a perfect God. Without that foundation, or if that foundation is unhealthy, we will struggle to love God and love people. The fear of the Lord leads to the love of the Lord, for the right reasons!**

TAKING IT HOME

7. Talk to God this week about what it means to fear Him. Ask Him to give you a healthy understanding of fearing Him, so you may love Him and others more completely.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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