

FEAR OF REJECTION NOV. 12/13



LOOKING AT

Read the following verse out loud and discuss how it applies to your lives:

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe. **PROVERBS 29:25 (NIV)**

LOOKING IN

Reflect & share your responses with the group:

- >> Recall an experience of when you felt rejected.
- >> Share how feelings of rejection may have hindered your life.
- >> What do you believe your fear of rejection stems from?
- >> What is the fear of man and how does it affect your life?

LOOKING AT

Read the following verse out loud and discuss how it applies to your lives:

Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? ... If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ. **GALATIANS 1:10 (NIV)**

LOOKING IN

Discuss the following statement as a group:

The fear of man, pleasing people and trying to make others happy becomes sinful when it becomes an inordinate desire rearing its ugly head in many different ways.

- >> Do you agree? Disagree?
- >> Share a time in your life where you discovered that people pleasing became an inordinate desire for you.

LOOKING AROUND

Brainstorm the following as a group:

- >> Name some indicators that might alert you to the fact that you are struggling with the "fear of man."
- >> What are some practical ways that we can begin to lessen our fear of rejection and deal with our approval addiction?

Process and reveal your thoughts about the following concepts:

- *Unmasking the fear of man begins with understanding that fearing man and trusting God do not go together."
- "The fear of man is using people to get what I want instead of loving people while giving God what He deserves, GLORY!"

LOOKING UP

Pair up with two others in your group. Pray for God to help you run to Him when the fear of man wells up inside you.

LOOKING **OUT**

Jesus Christ came to make you fully approved before God. The ultimate hope doesn't come from you thinking better about yourself, but thinking and focusing more on Him! Remember 1 John 1:18 – "Perfect love casts out fear!"

QUESTIONS?

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