

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

OVERCOME: FEAR
James Armstrong | II Timothy 1:7 | April 15, 2018

OVERCOME: Fear - April 15, 2018 - James Armstrong

QUICK REVIEW

1. As you consider this week's worship gathering, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? It could have been through a song, the sermon, another person, or an experience.

SCRIPTURE-BASED MIXER

2. In II Timothy 1:7 Paul states, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (KJV). Describe how becoming a Christian made you less fearful.

MY STORY

3. What are some of the fears with which you still struggle?
4. How can members of your small group help you deal with or eliminate these fears?

DIGGING DEEPER

5. What does Jesus say about fear in the following passages?
 - Mathew 10:28, 31
 - Luke 5:10b
6. In the Bible, the phrase "fear of God" is often associated with fear, dread, terror, or being afraid. Yet, I John 4:18 states, "There is no fear in love; but **perfect love casts out fear**, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love" (NASB; emphasis added). Explore the meaning of "the fear of God." Consider:
 - Romans 8:1
 - II Corinthians 5:10-11a
 - I Corinthians 3:11-15
 - Luke 10:27
7. Read Romans 3:10-18. What happens when people fail to fear God?
8. What are the blessings for the believer from "fearing the Lord"? Consider:
 - Proverbs 1:7
 - Proverbs 9:10

TAKING IT HOME (APPLICATION)

9. Have you experienced timidity when sharing Christ? How did you handle it? What might you do differently?

I. The Power to Overcome

Eph 1:18-20;
II Tim 2:1, 3; Rom 8:15

II. The Love that Conquers

Eph 3:16-19; Jn 15:13;
I Jn 4:18

III. The Discipline to Stay the Course

Gal 5:22-23, 25;
Heb 13:5; Matt 28:20b;
Is 41:10; Phil 4:6-7

"I'm going to walk in faith not fear."

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer ... And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"

Philippians 4:6a, 7