



FEAR GOD – Session 2 of 2

[The DVD gives you the option to re-watch the film first viewed last week. I would strongly encourage you to watch it again.]



1. Begin by thinking back to session 1's discussion.
 - a) ***Have you seen the fear of the Lord affect your life at all this week?***
 - b) ***Give some examples, or talk about why not.***

2. In session 1 you read and discussed Isaiah 6:1-5. Isaiah's vision gives us a startling picture of God in all His glory. Though Isaiah responded by calling down a curse upon himself ("Woe is me!"), the account does not end there. ***(Next)***
Read Isaiah 6 again, but this time you will also read God's response to Isaiah. Have one person read the account aloud, and once again try to place yourself in Isaiah's shoes. This time, focus on what God says to restore and commission Isaiah. ***(Next)***

When Isaiah gets to the place of fear, God sends the angel to touch his lips with a coal from the altar of sacrifice.

What do you imagine it would be like to have someone touch a burning coal to your lips?

Why would this be a powerful picture of taking away guilt and atoning for sin?

3. ***Of all the ways that God could have responded, why is it significant that God chose to cleanse Isaiah of his sin?***

4. Try to picture yourself in Isaiah's position. ***What would it be like to stand terrified before God, and then to have Him remove your sin and choose you for a special calling?***

[The DVD plays a clip from the video – describing the command from God to “fear not” after we come to the place of appropriate fear of Him.]

5. It is clear that standing in God's presence would be terrifying. So ***why do you think God told Isaiah and John that they didn't need to be afraid?***

[The DVD plays a clip from the video – describing our adoption by God.]

6. ***How does coming to the point of fearing God actually increase our security in Him?***
7. We can have security in God’s presence because He lovingly accepts and cares for us. Read Romans 8:31-39. As you read it, keep in mind the exalted view of God that you’ve been developing. In this passage, Paul talks about God’s amazing, unconditional, eternal love for us. As one person reads the passage aloud, allow yourself to feel the security that comes from belonging to God. ***(Next)***

What reasons does Paul give for feeling secure in our relationship with God?

8. Once we come to the place of fearing God – of seeing Him for who He truly is – then Paul’s hypothetical question, “If God is for us, who can be against us?” takes on a new meaning.

If you really felt this confidence, how would it play out practically in your everyday life?

9. A person who never considers God’s awesome power will not be afraid. But neither will a person who understands the fear of the Lord and yet stands secure in God’s love. ***What is the difference between these two types of fearlessness?***
10. The balance between standing in the fear of God and standing assured in His love can be difficult to maintain. ***Discuss this balance and how it should look in everyday life.***

[The DVD plays a clip from the video – describing how it’s not about “you”.]

11. One of the most important things that we realize when we truly encounter God is that life is not about us – it’s about God. ***If this realization took hold of your life, what attitudes and actions in your life might begin to change?***
12. Spend some time in prayer. Wait a few minutes before you begin to speaking. Take some time to picture God for who He is. Then begin thanking God for calling you His child, friend, and bride. Pray that you will continue to fear Him and stand secure in His love.

[Encouragement to complete ***Fear God – Session 2*** in the follower’s guide.]