

Ice Breaker (in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

How did you celebrate Mother's Day this week?

Talk About it!

1. Read Psalm 112:1-9

a. Out of the fifteen blessings listed in this Psalm, which one do you need the most today?

2. Read Isaiah 33:5-6

a. From what you learned in the message, why is the Fear of God so vital? How in touch with the Fear of God are you in your life?

3. Read Psalm 36:1, and Matthew 10:28, and Exodus 20:20

a. What happens in a culture when the fear of God is missing? How can a sense of the fear of God be regained?

4. Read Proverbs 16:6

a. How does the fear of the Lord help a person close the door on sin?

5. Read Psalm 34:9, Psalm 31:19, & Proverbs 22:4

a. How does the fear of God contribute to open doors of blessings? Why do you think God works with us that way?

6. What's one way you want to grow as a follower of Jesus in the coming weeks? How can the group support you?

Scripture References Questions 1-3

QUESTIONS 1 SCRIPTURE

Psalm 112:1-9 NIV

1 Praise the Lord. Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands. 2 Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. 3 Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. 4 Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous. 5 Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. 6 Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever. 7 They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord. 8 Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. 9 They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honor.

QUESTIONS 2 SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 33:5-6 NIV

5 The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with his justice and righteousness. 6 He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure.

QUESTIONS 3 SCRIPTURE

Psalms 36:1 NIV

I have a message from God in my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: There is no fear of God before their eyes.

Matthew 10:28 NIV

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Exodus 20:20 NIV

Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning."

Scripture Reference Questions 4-5

QUESTION 4 SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 16:6 NIV

Through love and faithfulness, sin is atoned for; through the fear of the LORD evil is avoided.

QUESTION 5 SCRIPTURE

Psalms 34:9 NIV

Fear the LORD, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.

Psalms 31:19 NIV

How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those who fear you, that you bestow in the sight of all, on those who take refuge in you.

Proverbs 22:4 NIV

Humility is the fear of the LORD; its wages are riches and honor and life.