

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

LifeGroup Discussion

Date: June 18, 2017

Proverbs 14:26

1. If you are comfortable, share stories of how you have seen fathers lead their children well by being a rock of security and safety. What traits did you notice most in those men?
2. Pastor Craig talked about the difference between *servile* fear (from torture or abuse) and *filial* fear (family). What is the difference between these? What kind of fear should we have toward God?
3. Read Genesis 42:18, Exodus 1:17, and Exodus 18:21. What happened in these passages as a result of the fear of the Lord?
4. Jesus warned his disciples in Matthew 20:28 to fear God rather than men. How can a healthy fear of the Lord deliver us from a fear of man? What are the implications of this for the way that we live as Christians?
5. In Romans 3:18, Paul cites the lack of “fear of God” as one of the chief sins of mankind. Why is this such a big deal? How can parenting help children to understand an appropriate “fear of God?”
6. What role does God’s love toward us play in our fear of him? How can you (and why should you) fear someone who loves you enough to die for you?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Proverbs 14:26. Discuss why you will become more confident as you increase in your fear of the Lord.