



## Life Group Discussion Questions

November 3, 2024

\*\*\* This guide intentionally has more questions than your group could reasonably discuss in one meeting. Feel free to pick and choose questions that best encourage, challenge, and instruct your particular participants.

Read Psalm 112:1-8 & Luke 10:38-42

1. Nate was so transparent about his struggles. Did that make you feel uncomfortable? What is the impact that kind of transparency has on community in a church? What impact is made if that transparency is lacking?
2. What "good actions" have you done that have a root cause of fear?
3. Through faith, you can rest in the fact that you are a failure. How does that override your fears?
4. Have you ever chosen a lesser thing, or an easier path because of fear? What are you avoiding because it is difficult and triggers your fear?

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5. Nate said that fear is the ground wire that can mess up everything else. What are the symptoms of your fear? What is the underlying fear that is affecting you?
6. Read Psalm 31:1-5. What words describe the Lord as our supreme object of faith? Why do we have reasons to trust Him over our circumstances?
7. Jesus tells a parable of two builders in Matthew 7:24-27. What are the "sandy" places we often decide to build our hopes upon? Be specific (is it government, our own talents, money etc...). How do these compare with the one solid Rock?
8. Remember when Peter briefly walked on water? What made the difference between him sinking in the stormy sea and walking on the surface? Think about what he focused on during those to opposite outcomes. How does this apply to us when we take our eyes off the Lord.
9. Would you be willing to share the things in life (past or present) that can cause fear to rise to the surface and shake our faith? Can you share a testimony when fear was at the door and you trusted in God and the outcome of that? What things enabled you to choose trust over fear?
10. What is the difference between "the FEAR of the Lord" and the "fear" of men or circumstances? How do we strengthen our faith in God and the right fear of Him?

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11. Look at Psalm 112:1 - Why does this Psalm start with "Praise the Lord!"? What does fear of the Lord look like if you are already praising the lord? Think about being super happy when you are told what to do... has that ever happened to you? So how can we greatly delight in the Lord's commandments?

12. Look at Psalm 112:4 - Think of the picture being painted here - light dawning in the darkness; being surrounded by evil and the lost, yet there is hope on the horizon... how can you relate to that?

13. Look at Psalm 112:6 - Never be moved in what way? Spiritual, physical, metaphorical? What kind of foundation must you have to never be moved?

14. Look at Psalm 112:7 - We have access to an unlimited supply of bad news. How do you keep from being afraid of it? What if the news was the death of someone close? What if the news was of World War III? How can you prepare to not be afraid, no matter what?

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