



THE ORCHARD

DO NOT FEAR

Fall Semester Study

Week 1	Fear the Lord Day 1- Proverbs 9:10, Proverbs 10:27, Proverbs 19:23, Proverbs 22:4, Proverbs 28:14 Day 2 – Proverbs 14:26-27, Psalm 34:7, Psalm 147:11, Psalm 115:11, Luke 1:50 Day 3 – Deuteronomy 10 Day 4 – Philippians 2 Day 5 – 2 Timothy 1
Week 2	Do Not Fear Circumstances Luke 1, Matthew 1-2, Mark 5, Psalm 112
Week 3	Do Not Fear Sickness Matthew 14, Mark 1-2, Matthew 17, Luke 8
Week 4	Do Not Fear Sickness part 2 Acts 4, Acts 9, Acts 20, James 5, 2 Corinthians 12
Week 5	Do Not Fear Persecution Matthew 10, Luke 12, 1 Peter 1, 1 Peter 3, James 1
Week 6	Do Not Fear Persecution part 2 John 12, John 15, 2 Timothy 3, Revelation 2, Romans 12
Week 7	Do Not Worry Philippians 4, Matthew 6, John 14, Matthew 11, Proverbs 12
Week 8	Do Not Fear...the Lord will Provide Day 1 – Luke 12:31, Luke 12:24 Philippians 4:19, Psalm 34:10, Psalm 84:11-12 Day 2 – 2 Corinthians 9 Day 3 –Mark 11 Day 4 – James 4 Day 5 – James 5
Week 9	Do Not Fear to Share the Gospel Luke 5, Mark 13, Acts 18, Matthew 28, Romans 8
Week 10	Do Not Fear to Share the Gospel part 2 Romans 1, Mark 8, Matthew 9, Ephesians 6, Matthew 19
Week 11	Replace Fear with Faith Hebrews 11-12, Galatians 5, Psalm 56, 1 John 5
Week 12	Replace Fear with Faith part 2 Psalm 30, Psalm 18, Psalm 63, Psalm 20, Psalm 94

Week 1! Fear the Lord

- Why do you think there are so many references to fearing the Lord in scripture?
- Why is the word “fear” used? Why doesn’t scripture say “respect the Lord” or “revere the Lord”?
- What does this week’s reading tell us about the nature and character of God?
- What does this week’s reading tell us about the nature and character of people?
- Through this study, work not only to remove unhealthy fears in your life but also to increase your fear of the Lord.

Week 2! Do Not Fear... Your Circumstances

- What circumstances did you read about this week? List reasons why Mary, Joseph, the disciples, and others *could* have been afraid in these circumstances.
- Why did these people not fear their circumstances? What does Psalm 112 tell us about our circumstances?
- Do your circumstances make a difference in your daily walk with God? Discuss with your group.
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of God?
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of people?

Week 3! Do Not Fear...Sickness (Part 1)

- What were the sicknesses you read about this week? Why were people afraid of them?
- What changed to make people unafraid?
- Why do you think Jesus allows sickness? Don't just give a churchy answer here. Really, why does it exist? Why should we be unafraid of it?
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of God?
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of people?

Week 4! Do Not Fear...Sickness (Part 2)

- Who was healing people in the reading this week?
- Name the ailments that were healed in the reading.
- Who received the credit when people were healed?
- Do you believe this kind of healing is possible today?
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of God?
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of people?

Week 5! Do Not Fear...Persecution (Part 1)

- What sorts of persecution occurred in the reading from this week?
- Why would the individuals being persecuted be inclined to fear?
- How do Jesus, the disciples, and others act when being persecuted? How do you think they find the strength to act this way?
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of God?
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of people?

Week 6! Do Not Fear...Persecution (Part 2)

- What happens in John 12: 42-43? How can you guard against this happening to you?
- What does Jesus call us to do to those who persecute us?
- If you are not being persecuted, are you living in a way that honors Jesus Christ?
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of God?
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of people?

Week 7! Do Not Worry

- What reasons did the people you read about this week have to be worried and anxious?
- Why were the people you read about this week told not to be anxious? Do you believe these were good reasons not to worry?
- What are the pros of being anxious or worrying? What does a person gain by being anxious?
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of God?
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of people?

Week 8! Do Not Fear...the Lord will Provide

- You read many verses this week that spoke about the Lord providing for His people. Which verse or story stuck out to you? Why do you think this particular verse or story resonated with you?
- What does James 4:3 say about the Lord not providing?
- Do you ever confuse the Lord's provision with the Lord's timing? Discuss with your group.
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of God?

Week 9! Do Not Fear...Sharing the Gospel (Part 1)

- We all recognize that sharing your faith is hard. Why does God require us to do it?
- Analyze the ways in which Jesus, the disciples, and others you read about shared their faith. What pointers can you take from this week's reading?
- When was the last time you shared your faith? Can you think of someone to intentionally share your faith with this week?
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of God?
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of people?

Week 10! Do Not Fear...Sharing the Gospel (Part 2)

- What happens to Jesus in Matthew 19? If Jesus himself is rejected, what does that mean for us when we share the gospel?
- What does sharing the gospel do to us? How are we changed by following this scary command?
- Can you share the gospel without ever actually talking about Jesus with someone? Discuss with your group.
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of God?
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of people?

Week 11! Replace Fear with Faith (Part 1)

- How does Hebrews define faith? How are faith and fear similar? How are they different?
- Why do the authors of this week's chapters have so much faith? Where does it come from?
- What does replacing fear with faith look like in your life? What practical steps can you take to have more faith and less fear in your life?
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of God?
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of people?

Week 12! Replace Fear with Faith (Part 2)

- Do you think faith is passive or active? Will your faith grow if you don't work on it?
- Do you truly believe that God is in control and can take care of you? If not, do you know what is holding you back?
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of God?
- What does this week's reading tell us about the nature and character of people?

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