

Seven Spirits Of Revelation Small Group Guide

Small Group Guide: The Spirit of the Fear of the Lord

Opening Question:

What does the phrase "fear of the Lord" mean to you? How has your understanding of this concept changed over time?

Key Takeaways:

1. The modern church often emphasizes God's love and grace while neglecting the biblical command to fear God.
2. True love demands sacrifice from both the giver and receiver - God's unconditional love doesn't mean we can do as we please.
3. The Spirit of the Fear of the Lord is a gift from God, meant for our good and the good of future generations.
4. Fearing God is not about being manipulated or controlled, but about approaching Him with reverence and humility.
5. The fear of the Lord leads us to run towards God, not away from Him.

Discussion Questions:

1. How do we balance the idea of God as a loving Father with the biblical command to fear Him?
2. The sermon mentions several biblical examples of God's judgment. How do these examples challenge or affirm your view of God?
3. How does the concept of fearing God relate to our understanding of His love and grace?

4. The sermon states, "True love demands sacrifice from both the giver and the receiver." How does this apply to our relationship with God?

5. Discuss the statement: "If we truly fear God, as He truly loves us, we will not run away from Him, but towards Him." What does this look like in practice?

6. How can the fear of the Lord be a "delightful thing," as mentioned in the sermon?

7. In what ways might a proper fear of God benefit our families and future generations?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, reflect on areas of your life where you may have become too "lighthearted" in your faith. How can you cultivate a deeper reverence for God?

2. Practice approaching God in prayer with both love and reverence. Use Psalm 51 as a guide for this type of prayer.

3. Identify one way you can demonstrate sacrificial love towards God this week, in response to His love for you.

4. Share with the group next time how your perspective or actions have changed as a result of meditating on the fear of the Lord.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, we thank You for Your perfect love and Your worthiness of our reverence and fear. Help us to cultivate a proper fear of You that draws us closer to Your heart. May we run towards You in times of trouble and joy alike. Amen.