

ANOTHER FIZZ FACTOR?

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- I. Fear fixes our focus
- I Thess 5:16; Matt 12:34b;
Luke 10:21; Rev 14:7; 15:4;
Ps 22:23a; Heb 12:2
- A. Fear can be “negative”
attention
- Matt 8:23-27; Ps 23:4; 27:1;
Ps 46:1-3; 118:6; II Tim 1:7
- B. The “fear of the Lord” is “positive”
attention
- Ps 19:9a; Deut 10:12;
Ps 33:8; 34:9; Prov 9:10;
I Pet 2:17; Ps 33:18; 147:11;
Ps 123:1-3; II Chron 20:1-2;
II Chron 20:5-6, 12-13, 21-22
- II. The fear of the Lord puts things in proper
perspective
- A. We see the truth
- II Chron 20:6; Ps 115:3;
Rev 4:11; Isa 44:6, 24;
Isa 45:5-7, 12, 18, 22;
Prov 3:7; Isa 6:5;
Rev 1:17a; Job 38:1-4; 42:1-6;
Rom 3:10-12, 23;
Rom 5:8; I John 4:10;
Rom 8:28, 31-39
- B. . . . We trust
- Prov 3:5-8; I Sam 30:1-6
- III. Proper perspective prompts praise
- A. When He fills our hearts, they
fizz
- Isa 66:2; Ps 119:47, 111
- B. Where there's fizz, soon there's
foam

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

The following is designed to help your group enter into meaningful discussion and application as you become a more fully-devoted follower of Jesus. These questions are a guide and you may not address all of them in group. Look through them ahead of time and identify questions you would like to discuss more thoroughly together. Any questions not addressed during group may be useful for personal study. Remember, our goal is to not just listen to the Word but obey it (James 1:22).

Note: There will be modified small group questions on Dec 20 and no questions on Dec 27.

RELATE

- Pick one to share:
 - How did you make an effort to eliminate "disapproval" this past week?
 - Share an experience in which you chose to be miserable, like Dave's high school retreat in the rain.
 - Fear focuses our attention. Share an incident from your life in which your fear had you focused on its object

REVIEW

- Share any truth, application or idea from the sermon that challenged or confused you.
- How is the "fear of the Lord" different than other kinds of fear?
- When we focus on the Lord, what things come into perspective (be as specific as you can from your own experience)?
- Discuss: When we fear the Lord, we don't fear anything else.

DIG

1. Look at the rest of the story in 1 Samuel 30:1-31 and discuss the following questions:
 - a) What happened to David and his men?
 - b) How did the people respond?
 - c) How did David respond?
 - d) What evidence do you see that David feared the Lord?
 - e) Bonus: How does David model the heart of God in this story?

APPLICATION

1. Finish the sentence and discuss: (see Proverbs 3:5-10) "I may not always understand **why** the Lord is doing or permitting something, but I can know **that...**"
2. Confess specific fears you have to your group. Pray together for greater trust in the Lord.