



Sermon Based Small Group – Xenophobia (fear of people)

The Purpose of a Sermon Based Small Group (to be read at the beginning of each gathering)

The purpose of our small group is to actively pursue Christ through relationships, as we worship, serve, and belong together.

READ ALOUD BY ALL (allow this prayer to shape your time together)

Dear God, help me in this dialogue to be humble & suspend judgment. I recognize that we are all created in your image. Give me courage to stay curious about each other by asking questions. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to meet together and in so doing grow closer to you. AMEN

Bible Reading

Reading the Bible is about reading for practice and spiritual formation – spiritual formation, in which the reader seeks to be formed by the Spirit of God.

Series: Fear

Sermon Synopsis: A pitch black room. A dark alley. The first day at a new school. We fear these things because of the unknown. It has been said that what we do not understand we worship or fear. When this fear is aimed at people it is called "Xenophobia" fear of that which is foreign or strange. How wide to we draw our circle, and how would Jesus have us treat people outside of it?

Discipleship Point: You can be "for" Jesus and far from Jesus

Passage(s) from the sermon: Mark 9: 38-40 Romans 8:31

What questions do you have about the passage/sermon?

What do you feel God is saying to you through this passage?

How can you begin to live that out this week?

Prayer

AMEN



Sermon Based Small Group – Thanatophobia (fear of dying)

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Series: Fear

Sermon Synopsis: It has been said that all that is certain is death and taxes. Although we know death to be inevitable and a regular part of life, many of us still fear its role in life. How does the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus change that? How do we live with assurance that not even death is the end?

Discipleship Point: God's peace surpasses our fear of death

Passage(s) from the sermon: Hebrews 2:10-17

What questions do you have about the passage/sermon?

What do you feel God is saying to you through this passage?

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Prayer

AMEN



Sermon Based Small Group – Peniaphobia (fear of not having enough)

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Series: Fear

Sermon Synopsis: No matter how much money we make or how much stuff we have it can seem like it's never enough. But where does our anxiety about not having enough ultimately get us? Ultimately, Jesus tells us we should not worry, but is it that easy? How can we live a life with less fear about what we don't have?

Discipleship Point: our worry is really about image and security

Passage(s) from the sermon: Matthew 6:24-34

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What do you feel God is saying to you through this passage?

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Prayer

AMEN