

Unstoppable Church Part 3—In the Face of Fear Pastor Dave Patterson 3.29.2020

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to get through the questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

Whenever there is something that overwhelms the earth, the church rises up.

Inaccurate Fear

"Fear is future oriented, anticipating what lies ahead. But fear's prediction is always negative; it forecasts the future will be painful. Fear's advance warnings can serve us well. **But fear serves us poorly when it misinterprets the world** – anticipating greater harm than actually awaits or underestimating our strength to deal with the threat"

Faith and fear move back and forth, they move together ...but it ends in faith!

[1 Corinthians 2:3]

I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling.

In the face of fear, we will:

1. Continue to serve hurting humanity.

In the face of fear, we will:

2. Raise the worship level of our lives.

HOW TO LIVE ABOVE THE FEAR LINE

- Ephesians 6:10 = "Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power"
- Nehemiah 8:10 = "The Joy of the Lord is your strength"
- Psalm 16:11 = "In Your Presence is fullness of joy"
- Psalm 100:2&4 = "Come before His presence with singing..." vs. 4 "enter into..."

[Romans 14:17, NKJV]

For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

In the face of fear, we will:

3. Lean heavy on the strength of God.

[Psalm 56:3-4, TPT]

But in the day that I'm afraid, I lay all my fears before you and trust in you with all my heart. What harm could a man bring to me? With God on my side I will not be afraid of what comes.

[1 Peter 5:7, AMP}

Casting all your cares [all your anxieties, all your worries, and all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares about you [with deepest affection, and watches over you very carefully].

FOR MONDAY-

- 1. Write down some Scripture on index cards or Post-It notes that you can meditate on and "live above the fear line."
- 2. In prayer, cast your cares upon Him: verbalize your fear or anxiety and lay them at the throne of God.

TALK IT THROUGH

- What are some factors that cause inaccurate fear? Give examples of ones that you or those that you know have faced before.
- 2. Why do you think one of the most repeated commands in the Bible is "fear not?"
- 3. How are you witnessing your church and community rising up during these times?
- 4. For you personally, what does it look like to "serve hurting humanity?"
- 5. As the church, how can we "raise the worship level?" What additional resources, either from the church or that you have discovered, have really helped you accomplish this?
- 6. How are you leaning heavily on the strength of God? What are you trusting Him for?

- 7. In the face of fear, how will you and your family be the unstoppable church?
- 8. Pray for each other for any fears you might be facing, and agree for God to tangibly meet any needs represented.