

Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide, Luke part 34, Sept. 1, 2019

1. Read Luke 12:4-7 (CSB)

2. Most of our fears are based on what could _____ happen. Just the chance of something bad happening is all it takes to put our imagination into action. Have you experienced this?

3. Read 2 Timothy 1:7. As we grow in Christ, we learn to _____ the things that are not from God, and cling to the things that are. List some examples.

4. Many have fear about the _____. Fortunately, our God knows all about the future. We can only guess and estimate about the future, but God knows. That's why He's the answer to all fear.

5. The scriptures have a lot to say about fear. _____ times in the scripture, we are told to "fear not". The word "afraid" is in the scriptures 200 times. The word "fear" is over 400 times. And over 200 people in the scriptures were said to have been afraid.

6. Read Luke 4:18 and John 8:32. We drive out fear by getting to know God better. What we fear about the future can be replaced with what we know about God. We need to allow God to set us free from the grip of fear. Discuss.

7. _____ is actually based on fear. The temptation to be a hypocrite, to act like you are something you're not, comes from the fear of others.

8. Read Luke 12:4 and John 3:16. Death is not the end. Jesus consistently taught that there is eternal life. Those who choose to follow Him will inherit eternal life. Discuss

9. The scriptures teach there are two different kinds of fear. There is a bad kind of fear and a good kind of fear. The fear of people, circumstances and the future are bad fears. The fear of the Lord is good fear. What does that mean?

10. The fear of the Lord has many benefits and blessings. Among them are wisdom, knowledge and protection. Read Psalm 111:10, Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 14:26. Discuss.

11. Read Luke 12:5. It is popular today to not believe there is a hell. The argument is, "How could a loving God send someone to hell?" Hell is a place prepared for Satan and those who follow him. We know that hell is real because Jesus believed in hell. We should always agree with the one who rose from the dead.

12. Read Psalm 135:6-7, Matthew 5:45. So where is God when things like this happen? Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people? God is sovereign, omniscient and omnipresent, love, grace, mercy, just, righteous and He disciplines. We can trust God.