

Fear Not - Week 2 Message Discussion Questions

Introduction:

This week Chance continues a new series called 'Fear Not'. How easily are you scared? Do you walk around in fear? We all have fears, we all carry fears inside of us. We let fear take control of us and dictate how we act.

For Week 2 we will continue looking at what we fear. What is it that you *should* fear? Is it possible that fear could be a good thing? As Christians are we supposed to view fear differently? What is Biblical fear? Awe, Submission, Wisdom, and Love are all aspects of Biblical fear.

Questions:

- 1. What are you fearful of, what is keeping you from trusting God? How is Biblical fear different than fear that comes when you put faith in the wrong things? Would you agree that fear in the right context is a good thing? Why or why not?
- 2. How does your perspective change when you 'Fear God'? How can that change your need to 'fear the world' in the daily situations you face? Do you know when you fear God you don't have to fear the world?
- 3. Why does the Bible tell you to 'Fear Not' so often? How are some of the examples relevant in your life when you face opposition; when you need direction; when hope seems lost?

 Joshua 1:9; Luke 1:30; Isaiah 41:10
- 4. Do you struggle to think that you are not enough? Do you fear that your good deeds (by obeying the Law) are nothing? What if the Law wasn't created to show you how to get to God, but to show you that you cannot get to God on your own? What if the Law just shows you that you are not enough?

 Romans 3:19-20

- 5. If you can only be made right with God by placing your faith in Jesus Christ, do you need to be reminded that this is true daily? Do you forget that you can never do enough to be made right?

 Romans 3:21-22
- 6. How has God leveled out that playing field for you, so that you no longer have to fear that you are not enough? Do you know that all of us are sinners, and no one is ever good enough on their own? How does that put your fear in the right context?

 Romans 3:23-24
- 7. If we are all sinners & fall short of God's glory, how can you be sure that you will never fall short of God's grace? What happens to your fear when you focus on whose you are vs what you do? Does His grace change everything?

Key Takeaway: Remember there is a God who loves you! Fear of not being enough should not have your focus. Live Loved, being loved by God changes how you live.

Summary:

- Fear in the right context is a good thing
- When we fear God we do not have to fear the world
- Fear not is one of the most repeated phrases in the Bible
- The Law shows us that we are not enough, God gives us our worth, Jesus makes us right in His sight
- As sinners we fall short of God's glory, we will never fall short of His grace
- When you fear 'I am not enough' you are focusing on what you do, not whose you are
- Remember God loves you, live loved