

# Group Conversation Guide

## Week of June 11

**SERIES:** Ordinary People: Acts of God  
**TITLE:** Fear of God  
**Scripture:** Acts 4:32–5:11; Proverbs 1:7

### BEFORE YOUR MEETING

- Watch or attend Pastor Mark Ragsdale's message at Church at Viera:  
[churchatviera.com/live/](http://churchatviera.com/live/)

### BEGINNING THE CONVERSATION

- What is something you respected deeply growing up (a person, rule, or authority), and why?
- Have you experienced awe or reverence in a spiritual moment?

### STUDY TOGETHER

#### One Church, One Heart

##### Read Acts 4:32–37

The early church was marked by unity, generosity, and power. People were so transformed by Jesus that they held loosely to possessions and tightly to one another.

- What stands out to you most about the early church in this passage?
- Why do you think generosity flowed so naturally from their unity?
- What does it look like today for believers to live “one in heart and mind”?

#### A Sobering Contrast

##### Read Acts 5:1–11

- Why do you think this moment was so serious in the early church?
- What does this passage teach us about honesty before God?
- Where are we tempted today to “look spiritual” rather than be spiritually honest?

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FEAR GOD?

##### Read Proverbs 1:7

##### Read Ecclesiastes 12:13–14

## **Fear of God means:**

- ❖ I stand in awe of God
  - ❖ I recognize God sees everything in my life
  - ❖ I live aware that I will give an account to God
  - ❖ I choose obedience over compromise
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- How would you describe “fear of God” in your own words?
  - Why do you think fear of God leads to wisdom?
  - How is fear of God different from fear of people?

## **WHY FEAR OF GOD MATTERS**

### **1. It enhances worship**

#### **Read Psalm 147:11**

- How does awe of God change the way we worship?

### **2. It helps us avoid sin**

#### **Read Proverbs 16:6**

- How does awareness of God’s presence impact your choices?

### **3. It drives out fear of people**

#### **Read Psalm 118:6**

- Where are you tempted to fear people more than God?

### **4. It motivates faithful living**

#### **Read Jeremiah 32:39**

- What areas of life need greater alignment with God’s heart?

## **THE IMPACT OF THE EARLY CHURCH**

#### **Read Acts 9:31**

- What impact does fear of the Lord and comfort of the Holy Spirit have on us?

## **WORSHIP TOGETHER**

- **Holy Forever** - Chris Tomlin [youtu.be/lkHgxCemCRk?si=f\\_l8h03PHEaloNXs](https://youtu.be/lkHgxCemCRk?si=f_l8h03PHEaloNXs)

## **PRAYER TOGETHER**

Pray for:

- A deeper fear (reverence) of the Lord
- Freedom from hypocrisy and hidden sin
- Unity in the church
- Growth in wisdom and obedience