



WISE UP

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LIVING GOD'S WISDOM FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS
"THE FEAR OF GOD"

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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[CONNECT]

Fear is a funny thing. On one side of the coin fear is to be eliminated and avoided at all cost. On the other side of the coin, fear is a good thing and is something that we should strive for in our life. Talk about the two different aspects of fear. How can it be both good and bad?

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

[GROW]

When scripture tells us to fear the Lord, how does that sit with you? Do you now or have you ever struggled with this concept? If so, what have you done to help change your perspective?

Read Proverbs 1:7. How is the fear of the lord the beginning of knowledge? Why is this healthy fear so important in the life of a believer?

What the connection between the fear of the Lord and obedience in our spiritual life? Why do these two things go hand and hand? Talk about a spirit of obedience? What does that look like?

My fear of God results in reverence. Break down what reverence for the Lord looks like? What does it mean that He is Holy? Explain God's sovereignty.

What is the difference between a healthy and a unhealthy fear of God?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

Take an inventory of your relationship with God. Would you say that you have a healthy fear of God? Do you understand the importance of this your life? Are you revering Him? Are you intentional about obeying His word? If not, what is getting in the way? The challenge is to ask God what you need to do to strengthen this aspect of your

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