

goodbye fear

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 4

WELCOME / OPEN IN PRAYER

HIGHS AND LOWS

GO AROUND IN A CIRCLE AND HAVE EVERYONE SHARE THE HIGH OF THE WEEK AND THEIR LOW OF THE WEEK. PAY ATTENTION TO THE LOWS OF THE WEEK. DEPENDING ON WHAT IS SHARED, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO STOP AND PRAY OVER AN INDIVIDUAL OR COUPLE IF YOU FEEL PROMPTED. A BIG PART OF COMMUNITY IS CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER IN TIMES OF NEED.

REVIEW THE GUIDELINES FOR SHARING

CONFIDENTIALITY | LISTEN | PAUSE | SILENCE | NO "CROSS TALK"
NO FIXING | NO RESCUING | SHARING | SELF-AWARE | "I" STATEMENTS | CONFLICT

The Fear of Other is really about relationship. Pastor Tim talked about how woundedness, narratives, and the unknown tend to keep us living in fear of one another, specifically others that may be different than us and/or our tribes. Jesus, Peter, and Paul, among others, show us the way to say goodbye to the fear of other.

READ the following passages together as a group:

- 1 Timothy 2:1-6
- 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- Jeremiah 40:9

DISCUSS:

- Who do you find yourself not wanting to associate with?
- Are there categories of people that you try to shy away from? (those of a different religion, race, political view, sexual preference, socio-economic standing, age demographic, the sick, the imprisoned, the homeless, etc.)
- Are there false narratives about others in your mind that hold you captive to fear? Are there narratives that you inherited in your upbringing or in the generation you are a part of?

Close out your discussion time with asking these two questions that press us to reflect deeper and move into action:

1. What is going to change for you in response to what you've learned and discussed in this small group today?
2. Where might God be calling you to build relationships and to be a bringer of the Gospel?