

Sunday, November 24, 2019 - "Good News. All People - Week 1 - Fear Not" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Luke 5:17-20, 27-30, Luke 2:8-11, Luke 12

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- We have been entrusted with Good News
- Luke 5:17-20
  - When Jesus saw their faith (Jesus responds to the faith of the friends of the paralyzed man)
  - He then healed the man internally followed by healing him outwardly
- Luke 5:27-30
  - Levi decides to follow Jesus and is then compelled to help his friends who didn't know Jesus
  - **Are you desperate enough to do whatever you can?** to help your friends and family know Jesus
- Sometimes fear can keep us from this
- Luke 2:8-11 (angel speaking to shepherds)
  - God uses everyday, ordinary sinful people
  - Shepherds were just normal people. All throughout history God used ordinary and sinful people
- Fear not.. (worry, anxiety, panic, anxiety)
  - This is the most repeated command in scripture
  - WE WILL ALL EXPERIENCE FEAR (rational or irrational)
  - WE DON'T HAVE TO BE SUBJECT TO FEAR
- Unchecked fear incites destructive behavior or paralysis
  - Unchecked = unrecognized, unexamined (Saul, David, Adam and Eve)
  - Addiction can come from this (creative ways to medicate fear)
  - Paralysis (the shepherds were asked to do something)
    - Doing what we're supposed to do
    - Israelites were paralyzed when they saw who was in the promise land (Wandered in the desert for 40 years)
  - Fear can keep us from forgiving people
- Luke 12
  - Jesus to friends "Do not fear"
  - v22 Don't be anxious about your life
  - 3 times → Jesus says "Fear not" → He knows fear is going to happen
- The only antidote to fear is LOVE
  - John 4:18
  - We must subject our fear to the love of God
  - Lean into God (this is the only option when fear arises)

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How does fear affect your life? How does it affect the things God has called you to do?
2. What does it look like for you to lean into God when you're afraid?
3. When was a time when unchecked fear lead to destructive behavior and/or paralysis for you?
4. What does it mean to be desperate for the people we know to encounter Jesus?
5. What would subjecting your fear to the love of God look like for you?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

**\*\*15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Matthew 16 Tues: Matthew 17 Wed: Matthew 18 Thurs: Matthew 19 Fri: Matthew 20

Songs from the weekend: [Where the Spirit of the Lord Is - *Hillsong Worship*] - [Everlasting God - *William Murphy*] - [Do It Again - *Elevation Worship*] - [King of My Heart - *John Mark McMillan*]