

STUDY GUIDE – March 15, 2020

Message Title: What Faith Looks Like In Times Of Fear

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This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.

1. Brian admitted to being fearful; can you relate? What are you feeling right now?
2. Can you look back on times when you've been afraid, and God has helped you? How does that help you understand and trust God in this situation?
3. Brian gave us four things to remember: Two things we should do, and two things we shouldn't.
 - a. We should take care of our neighbor.
 - i. John 13:34-35, Matt 22:39, Gal 5:14
 - b. We should not make permanent and irrevocable decisions.
 - i. Matthew 6:34, Luke 14:28
 - c. We should chase after an uncanny sense of peace.
 - i. Philippians 4:6-7
 - d. We should not let fear win.
 - i. 2 Tim 1:7
 - ii. John 16:33
 - e. Read each of these texts out loud in your group and talk about what you hear and see and learn from them.
 - f. Which of those four things that Brian taught speaks to you most? Which do you think God might want you to implement or focus on this week?
4. Read Matthew 14:22-32. In the message this week Brian taught about this powerful story.
 - Imagine yourself in that boat. As a group describe what the conversation must have been like. Was there fear and panic? Was there faith on display?
 - Jesus made sure the disciples had each other in the middle of the storm, someone to row harder when others got tired. In the current situation in our communities, how can we continue to be there for each other in these unique situations? List some things you can do for those around you.
5. Brian challenged us to think about just one neighbor we can help. Perhaps someone who is at risk in this epidemic. What are some of the practical ways you can help just one neighbor safely?
6. This is a moment when we need to pray perhaps more fervently than ever before. Pray for each other by name. Pray for our church. Pray for our community. Pray that God would show Himself and His goodness in all of this.