

Lesson Aim: To discuss ways we can grow in a reverent fear of God and how that can help prepare us for the future.



connecting

Bridge LifeGroups are currently on summer break. We will continue to offer study questions each week in this more simplified format, which can be useful for personal devotions and/or discussion starters for LifeGroups that choose to meet for a portion of the summer months.

1. Look over the “Lessons Learned” section from Scott’s message Sunday. Which of these lessons have most resonated with you since 9/11? Why?

2. Are there any additional lessons you’ve learned since that day?

3. What are some things you are afraid of? Why?

4. **Read Isaiah 8:11-13 and Matthew 10:28.** Why is it so easy to *not* fear God in our culture today?

5. What are some ways we can develop a stronger and healthier fear of God?

6. **Read Psalm 1:1-6, Psalm 19:7-14, and 2 Timothy 3:16-17.** What helps you to let the Bible define your values and set your direction?

7. **Read Genesis 41:15-40.** How was God using these dreams to help Pharaoh and Joseph anticipate the future? What did they do in response to this warning?

8. What are some things about the future God wants us to anticipate? For this temporary earthly life? For our eternities?

9. What are some ways we can prepare for the future (both the temporal and eternal)?



growing



sewing



reaching

Close by praying through any needs that were mentioned and however else the Lord leads you.

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911 / ANTICIPATING THE FUTURE

REMEMBERING 9-11 / LESSONS LEARNED

- ▶ Evil is very real
- ▶ We are all vulnerable
- ▶ Life is a precious, fragile gift
- ▶ Fear can be crippling
- ▶ Calamity can bring out the best in people
- ▶ Faith is our refuge; hope sustains us; love endures all
- ▶ The Church of America lost a golden opportunity

ANTICIPATING THE FUTURE (Matthew 16:2-3)

- ❶ Chose your fear-object carefully
 - Isaiah 8:11-13; Matthew 10:28
- ❷ Let the Bible define your values & set your direction
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- ❸ Believe what God says about the future
 - Genesis 41:15-40; Luke 13:1-5

PREPARE TO MEET YOUR GOD (Amos 4:12)

- ❶ Turn to Christ in faith & full surrender
- ❷ Repent of your sins
- ❸ Ask (the resurrected) Christ to take up residence in your heart

Luke 13:1-5 - ¹ Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."