



**Key Texts**

Leviticus 19:33-34  
 Proverbs 31:8-9  
 Psalm 27:1  
 Isaiah 58:6-7  
 Amos 2:6  
 Matthew 5:43-44  
 2 Corinthians 10:3-5  
 Ephesians 3:20-21  
 1 John 4:18-19

Talking through the message during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. Get connected with some folks who will listen and dig into the word together.

**Reflection Questions**

- What are the most common fears that you have? what fear do people in your circle have?
- What bothers you more: personal fears or global fears? Why?
- Do you tend to live in fear: waiting for God’s anger or punishment?
- Why does that block you from receiving God’s perfect love?
- Mike said that our response to fears (personal and global) has to include both love and truth. Why is this so? What has been your experience of this?

Fear harms relationships

- In what way(s) have you seen fear harm relationships?
- How & why does failing to examine and address our fears make us into someone different than who we are created to be?

Fear paralyzes us

- How?
- How do we respond – biblically, compassionately, pastorally, practically – to people who are living with fears?

**Read Proverbs 31:8-9**

- What do these verses mean for people in their (a) personal fears, and (b) understanding global fears?
- Why are we, as followers of Jesus, called to speak up on behalf of, work for peace for those who are disenfranchised, both here in our city and around the world?
- What is a biblical response to those who hate and stir up fear? How do we as followers of the Prince of Peace challenge the fears?

**Next Steps**

1. Make a choice to think & live differently
  - How will you actively do this?
  - Embrace the love that casts out fear.
2. Consciously recognize the lies of fear
  - Remind yourself that you are loved.
3. 365 “do not fears” in the Bible
  - Remind yourself of this

Read **2 Corinthians 10:3-5**. Write it out. Memorize it. Make it part of your daily reflection this week.

