

HAUNTED HOUSE

Week One | Fear | 10.16-17.2021

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: While so many of us want our homes to be safe and inviting spaces, many of us have found our homes and lives haunted by the unknown, broken, and controlled. The very place we desire to land at the end of a hard day has become the fortress of pain and paranoia. God invites our homes and lives to become places where the very love of Jesus gives way to love, freedom, courage, and strength.

» Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

» Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: Do you prefer a haunted house or a corn maze? Explain why you like one more than the other.
- Digging Deeper: Why do you think some people enjoy feeling afraid? Are you one of those people?

» Observation | Read Psalm 27; Matthew 10:26-33

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | **Courage is faith in something stronger than what we fear.**

(12 minutes)

- David is feeling the pressure of Saul and the forces growing against him. What are the ways he sees God as a place of courage and faith in spite of all of that?

» Trust the Plan | Reread Psalm 27:1-6

(12 minutes)

- David isn't afraid to lament (grieve) the pain he is going through; what are those places or pressures you have felt that have gone ungrieved in your life from the past year?

» Reject Fake News | Reread Psalm 27:7-14

(12 minutes)

- What does the courage modeled by David make you think about or want to do differently this week?

» Shine Courage | Reread Matthew 10:26-33

(12 minutes)

- Where have you been guided by fear of people rather than faith in God right now that God wants to give you freedom over?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- What do you need to let God work out of you? Fear? A love of controversy? A sense of falsehood? What do you need to let God work in you? A regular rhythm with God? Giving a soft answer? Truth?
- Close by praying for each other to let God into your heart to reveal the places fear is preventing you from pursuing faith.