

WEEK 6: THE FEAR THAT LEADS TO PEACE

1 Peter 1:17-21

1. YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD SHOULD CHANGE YOUR LIFE
2. YOUR SIN IS TOO UGLY TO GO BACK TO IT
3. YOUR SIN IS TOO COSTLY TO GO BACK TO IT

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of the teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. Peter begins this passage reminding us that God is not only our Father, but our Judge as well. Do you tend to see God more as a Father or as a Judge? Why do you think that is? Why is it important to view God in both ways?
3. One of the sub points of this week's teaching was, "God made us in His image; we don't get to make Him in ours." This means that we don't get to decide what God is like; we have to let His Word tell us what He's like. What are some of the ways that people try to re-create God in our culture?
4. The central command in this week's text was to conduct ourselves in fear. What does that mean to you? Did this week's teaching challenge your idea of what that means?
5. We often fear what others think of us more than we fear what God thinks. Why do think this is? Why is it important to fear God above everything else?
6. "Compartmentalizing your relationship with God" means allowing God in to certain areas of your life, while trying to keep Him out of other areas. It's trying to tell God, "This far, and no further." What are some of the ways people try to compartmentalize their relationship with God? Why do people do that? Have you ever done that? What was the result? What would you say to someone who's living that way?
7. What we do with sin depends largely on how we view sin. How do you view sin?
8. The final idea of this week's teaching, "Your sin is too costly to go back to it," drove us to consider the cost of sin to Jesus. Why do you think this is important?
9. What would you say to someone who feels like they're enslaved right now to a sin that they've tried and failed to overcome?