



Small Group Time:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with key questions, add any optional Scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

Main Idea:

We all deal with fear. It's become such a natural part of our life. We fear that sickness. We fear the unknown. We fear the things we cannot control. We fear failure. We fear losing. So many aspects of our lives have made us FEARFUL. But what if God's intention was for us to a little more FEARLESS? What if God's intention was for us to keep pushing forward and to not quit in spite of our feelings of nervousness and uncertainty?

Key Questions:

1. What was your biggest fear as a kid (i.e. spiders, snakes, heights, the dark, etc.)?
2. Has there ever been someone in your life that you would classify as FEARLESS? Were there ever moments that you wanted to be a little bit like them? Explain.
3. Read **Joshua 1:9**. This is our theme verse for the series. Why did Joshua need to be reminded of this – what was he walking thru? Why do you think God reminds us, in story after story in His Word, to not be afraid?
4. Read **Joshua 1:3**. So often, we want the blessing, the promise, and the miracle to be handed to us from God. We know that He can do it, so we want Him to just do it. But Ben said, "With God, the action always precedes the miracle." Why does this create so much fear in us?
5. Why is it necessary for us to go thru "the grind" before we receive the blessing? Is there a grind you're presently going thru?
6. The title for Week 1 was "Get Ready". We want to get ready for God to take us places we haven't been. But to get ready, we must overcome some things that are holding us back. Ben talked about 2 things. The first was 'Fear of Exposure'. Read **Hebrews 12:1**. Is there something you need to confess to cut the chains so that you can move to where God wants you to go?
7. The second thing He talked about was 'Fear of the Unknown'. Is there an area of your life you need to trust Him more? Is there a step that you just need to take – because you haven't been waiting on God, He's been waiting on you?

Next Steps:

- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?