

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

BLIND SPOTS

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

Fear can have a crippling effect on our bodies and our souls. Like Gideon, we need to remember God's power and presence beside us even in those times when we are afraid..

-What is your most amusing (or most irrational) fear or phobia? Where do you think this fear comes from? What do these things reveal about some of the things you truly fear?

·Think about a time in your life when you were afraid. What triggered that fear? In what ways was that fear helpful (i.e. clarified priorities)? In what ways was it destructive? Does fear more often trigger the "fight" or "flight" reaction in you?

·Read Judges 6:1-16. What was the situation in Israel during this time? What were some of the things they had to fear? How do these same kinds of fears apply to us today?

·Gideon is hiding in a winepress when the angel of the Lord refers to him as a "mighty warrior." He refers to Gideon not as he is, but as who He is going to be. What are some other examples of God doing this in Scripture? How has He done the same for us? How does that make you feel? How does it motivate you to live?

·Gideon is reminded of God's presence and His power. How can these two characteristics of God help us when we face our own fears? What are some practical ways you can remind yourself that God walks beside you through your fears? What would it look like for you to rely on His strength whenever you are tempted to be afraid?

·Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. How do our fears and weaknesses allow God's strength to shine through? How have you seen this in your own life? Has there ever been a time when you experienced God's supernatural strength in the middle of your fears?

·As Bryson reminded us, our fears often offer us the chance to draw closer to Jesus. What does it look like for you to draw closer to Him in the midst of your fears? What are some habits/rhythms you need to develop to help you bring your fears to Him?