



Life Group Discussion Guide  
Proverbs: Wisdom for Life  
**Courage to Overcome Fear**

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Proverbs 29:25 & 14:26-27

**Main Thought: Fear of man leads to failure, but fear of God leads to fruitfulness.**

Sunday Outline:

- The fear of man is a snare.
- The fear of God is a stronghold.
- It takes courage to move from a fear of man to a fear of God.

Welcome & Fellowship Time (*Suggested Time 10 Minutes*)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review: (*Suggested Sharing Time 10 minutes*)

- Where did God reveal pride in your life over this last week? How did you turn that pride to a heart of humility?

Discussion Starter: (*Suggested Time 5 minutes*)

- Share a time when your fears led you to do something you normally wouldn't do.

Sermon Review: (*Suggested Time 15 minutes*)

- Read Proverbs 29:25. Why is fearing man a snare?
- Discuss the benefits of fearing the Lord according to Proverbs 14:26-27
- Why does it take courage to fear the Lord?

Digging Deeper: (*Suggested Time 20 minutes*)

- Read Deuteronomy 31:7-13 and discuss the following questions.
  - According to Moses, why would Joshua be able to be strong and courageous?
  - Why were the people supposed to read the Book of Instruction every seven years? What were some of the results of reading the Book?



- Read Joshua 1:1-9
  - Why did God say that Joshua could be strong and courageous?
  - What did God tell Joshua was the key to his success?
- Why is obedience such a key component of fearing the Lord?

Application: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

- Ask God to show you how you have been fearing man rather than God, listen and write down what He shows you. Share that with a spouse or close friend.
- Take a step of courage to overcome one of those fears this week; share your story with someone, join a Life Group, make a budget.
- Spend time in God's Word to learn more about His character to increase your fear and trust of Him.

Group Prayer Requests: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. *(Suggested time 10 minutes)*