

Whom Shall We Fear

Bible Study suitable for teen small groups by Matthew B. Hunt

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Thesis: Absolute safety is found in God. God is the one we can rely on when facing danger, tragedy, and sorrow.

Objective: Get kids thinking about their need for God.

Scripture: Psalm 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?

SUGGESTION: ALL GROUP ICE-BREAKER: Clumps

HOOK

1. Tell group you will read some different scenarios. You'll need their reactions. They need to be honest.
 - A. You're riding Space Mountain at Disney World. You are screaming at the top of your lungs in fear. This fear is stupid. You should try your best to ignore it, or pretend it's not there. Yes, or no? (give each person chance to respond)
 - B. You were just caught skipping class. You face the chance of being suspended. You're scared. You ought to be. Yes, or no?
 - C. Your best friend just got you to agree to go to a party where you know there will be alcohol and maybe drugs. You should feel a little scared, a lot scared, or not scared at all?
 - D. The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1. According to this, Christian should fear nothing. Yes, or no?

Question: Is there ever a time Christians should fear?

Question: What is it about God that would make the writer of the Psalm so confident as to say we don't need to fear anyone or anything?

Ask for Prayer requests. Pray

LOOK AT THE BOOK

1. Read Scriptures
2. Sin fills our lives with brokenness and emptiness that we cannot overcome on our own. According to the Scriptures, how has God helped us? (Jesus)

TOOK

1. If Jesus is the way God has helped us, why don't people accept his help? Why do they try to make it on their own?
2. What happens to the emptiness and brokenness when we try to handle life on our own?
3. How can we help others to accept God's help?

Pray