



LIFEgroup Study Guide

June 21 - July 5

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This study guide follows along with LBF Church's current Sunday message series, and is intended to be a supplement in your daily passionate pursuit of Jesus.

- *Watch last Sunday's message video:*
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Is your group stumped? Did you come to a question that you feel needs clarification? Our church isn't too big. Contact Pastor Dan with your questions.

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Free from Fear

Lesson 1 • June 21 • by Dan Franklin

Main Point

Jesus' sacrifice sets us free from the fear of death.

3. What did you hear that stood out to you? If you listened to the sermon on this passage, feel free to share something specific that stuck with you.

Getting Started

1. Name something that you're afraid of.

4. According to verse 14, why did Jesus become a human being?

2. What are some ways that people respond when they are afraid?

5. What do you think it means that the devil holds the power of death?

Digging In

Read Hebrews 2:14-15.

"¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death."

6. Why would a human being be held in slavery to the fear of death?

7. How has Jesus set people free from the fear of death?

Wrestling With Big Ideas

8. Is there an appropriate fear of death for Christians?

If so, how do you think that fear ought to impact our lives?

Applying The Passage

9. What are the ways that your perspective on life changes if you are set free from the fear of death?

10. What are some ways that freedom from the fear of death can empower you to follow Jesus more fully?

Free from Pride

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Main Point

God's love for us sets us free to choose humility over pride.

time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

Getting Started

1. What are some ways that a proud person behaves?

3. What did you hear that stood out to you? If you listened to the sermon on this passage, feel free to share something specific that stuck with you.

2. Why do you think pride is such a difficult sin to conquer?

4. Why do you think Peter gives particular emphasis to the need for young people to be humble?

Digging In

Read 1 Peter 5:5-7.

"⁵ In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due

5. What comes to mind when you read the image of clothing yourself with humility?

6. According to verses 5 and 6, how do humility and pride relate to our relationship with God?

7. What do you think is the connection between humility and casting your cares on God?

Wrestling With Big Ideas

8. What is the difference between humility and insecurity?

Applying The Passage

9. What are some ways that you feel tempted toward pride?

10. What are some anxieties that, if you cast them on God, you will experience greater freedom and relief?

Free to Love

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Main Point

Our ability to love others is empowered by God's love for us.

Getting Started

1. How do you know if someone loves someone else?

2. What kinds of people are difficult for you to show love to?

Digging In

Read 1 John 4:7-12.

"⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one

and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

3. What did you hear that stood out to you? If you listened to the sermon on this passage, feel free to share something specific that stuck with you.

4. According to verses 7-8, what is the relationship between God and love?

5. What do you think John means when he says, "God is love"?

6. According to verses 9-10, how did God show his love for us?

7. What do you think John means in verse 12 when he talked about God's love being "made complete in us"?

Wrestling With Big Ideas

8. John seems to be saying that we can only love others when we are born of God. Does this mean that non-Christians can't love others? Explain your answer.

Applying The Passage

9. We can love others when we are secure in God's love for us. What are some ways that you can pursue greater security in God's love for you?

10. In this specific season of pandemic, what are some ways that you can show love to others?