



Net Group Discussion Guide Week Five: Where Were You?

INTRODUCTION

What does it mean to "fear the Lord"? Are we supposed to be scared of what he will do to us if we don't follow his instructions? Are we to follow His instructions just because everyone around us is? Or is the wisdom God provides found simply by opening ourselves up to the possibility that He knows best?

GETTING STARTED

- Prior to Ryan's message, what was your understanding of Proverbs 9:10 - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom...?

THINKING THROUGH IT

- Ryan defined three levels of reasoning: pre-conventional, conventional, and post conventional. Where in life have you seen each level in play?
- Are there instances where pre-conventional or conventional reasoning make sense? Explain.
- Which levels of reasoning have you seen applied when it comes to your personal religious experiences?
- What has been the effect of those experiences on your walk with God?
- Read Matthew 4:17. Ryan defined "repentance" as a call to see beyond your current point of view. How has Christ changed the way you see life?
- Ryan shared a story about a student who was so full of his own research and knowledge his new teacher was unable to pour him. How might this story cause you to rethink what it looks like to receive wisdom from God?
- Where in your own life is what "you already know" preventing you from seeing with new eyes?
- What has helped you let go of conventional thinking in the past?
- What do you think would most help you open up to a new perspective now?

NEXT STEPS

- What do you believe God is saying to you through this message and time of discussion?
- What step can you take this week to follow through on what you believe you're hearing?