

MEFC Community Group Study Questions
For the Week of March 11th – 17th

Getting Started

1. What are a few of your biggest fears? What sorts of things keep you up at night?

Digging Deeper

2. Proverbs 28:14 says: “Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always...”. What is the relationship between the types of fears you noted above and the type of fear outlined in Proverbs 28:14? Is fear wrong in and of itself? Why or why not?

Open Your Bible to Luke 12:4-12...

3. How does Jesus address the disciples in verse 4? Does what he calls them have any bearing on what he commands them to do? Why or why not?
4. According to verse 4, why shouldn't a disciple of Jesus fear physical death? Be honest, do you fear physical death? How does Jesus' counsel here in verse 4 provide some perspective on the fear of physical death?
5. We often speak of God “taking someone home” or a believer “entering into glory”, yet here in verse 5, Jesus says that God kills people. Compare this with the way that God speaks in Deuteronomy 32:39. Why does Scripture use language like this? Why is it important that we believe a truth like this?
6. What point is Jesus making in verses 5 and 6 and what does it have to do with his instruction about fear?
7. Share about a time in your life when your identification with Jesus was costly to you (whether relationally, financially, or some other way). How do verses 8-9, 11-12

serve as an encouragement in this regard?

Share about a time in your life when you were ashamed to identify with Christ. How do verses 8-9, 11-12 serve as a warning to you?

8. What is the difference between “speaking a word against the Son of Man” and “blaspheming the Holy Spirit” (v.10; see also Matthew 12:22-32)? Why is one of these sins forgivable and the other unforgivable? Is a born again Christian capable of blaspheming the Holy Spirit? Why or why not? Support your answer with Scripture if you are able.

9. In verse 5, Jesus says that God has authority to cast persons into hell. How does Romans 1:16-17 speak both to how one can be rescued from this fate as well as provide the motive for us to assist others in the same deliverance?