

QUESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1.	What are some of the typical fears that people face (snakes, heights, etc.)? Have you ever had to deal with any of these?
2.	During the sermon this week, Joy shared her story of facing fears of illness and embarrassment. And we all reflected on the ways that fear might be shaping (or misshaping!) us. Have you experienced the effects of fear in your life? Consider sharing that with your group, as much as you feel comfortable sharing.
3.	In Psalm 23 the poet-king David wrote, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me." Why does knowing God's presence give us strength in the face of fear? What helps you remember and depend on the presence of God?
4.	Fear isn't exactly the opposite of faith. It's often the context within which faith can grow stronger. Do you think God might be leading you to take a step of faith in the midst of fear right now? How might your group pray for you and support you in such a step?

DAILY WORSHIP - BIBLE READINGS:

Sept. $5 \mid Psalm\ 23 \mid God's\ work\ in\ a\ time\ of\ fear$

Sept. 6 | John 10:7-18 | The Shepherd and his flock

Sept. 7 | Revelation 7:9-17 | Great multitude in white robes

Sept. 8 | Jeremiah 14:20-22 | Hope in the Lord

Sept. 9 | Isaiah 12:1-6 | Songs of praise

Sept. 10 | Psalm 66:5-20 | God's work on man's behalf

Sept. 11 | 2 Thessalonians 1:3-10 | God is just