

At The Movies: Wicked | Week 3

Introduction

Fear isn't from God - it comes from our rebellion and the enemy's lies. As followers of Jesus, we don't have to live trapped by "what ifs" because we know how the story ends: Jesus wins, and He's with us always.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- What's the most ridiculous thing you were afraid of as a kid?
- When have you recently felt God's presence giving you courage in a challenging situation?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

[Watch the Video](#) (5 minutes)

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

1. When was a time you knew what you were supposed to do but were afraid to do it?
2. Psalm 23 is David's declaration of God's protection. Read [Psalm 23](#).
 - a. What specific phrases show how God provides comfort and security?
3. Read [1 John 4:18](#). Discuss some or all of the following. (*Perhaps have each person choose one or two to respond to*)
 - a. Can you share a personal experience where God's love helped you overcome a specific fear?
 - b. What's the difference between healthy caution and fear that paralyzes you spiritually?
 - c. How does understanding God's perfect love change your perspective on judgment and personal worth?
 - d. What would your life look like if you truly internalized that God's love removes all fear?
 - e. Where do you sense God inviting you to trust His love more deeply?
4. Some practical ways we can lean into God's love over fear include: journaling about a fear you want to overcome, memorizing Scripture (such as [Joshua 1:9](#) or [2 Timothy 1:7](#)) as a daily courage reminder, doing one thing that scares you (in a healthy way), or listening to [worship music that focuses on God's protection](#). There are also many others!

- a. What is one step you can take this week to lean into God's love over fear in your life?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Close your group time in prayer. You can use these words or your own words:

"God, we surrender our fears to you. Fill us with your courage, remind us that you are always with us, and help us step forward in faith. Give us the strength to love boldly and live without fear."

Announcements (5 minutes)

- At Sun Valley, we believe the church is not a building you come and sit in, but a movement you choose to be a part of to help people meet, know, and follow Jesus.
 - One of the best ways to do this is on a serving team! If you are not yet on a serving team:
 - Ask the people in your group! Is anyone else already serving? Joining a team with someone you know is a great way to get started.
 - Explore opportunities to serve and sign up at serve.sv.cc.