

## **Small-Group Notes**

### **HOPE | Week 5 “Evil”**

The Bible clearly describes God as Holy ([Isaiah 6:3](#)), Righteous ([Psalm 7:11](#)), Just ([Deuteronomy 32:4](#)), and Sovereign ([Daniel 4:17](#)). God is Good! However, the effects of evil are pervasive and universal. Yet they have no claim on the children of God. We need not fear the powers of darkness for God has a plan to redeem mankind from the evil that exists in us and around us. He sent His Son to demolish the works of the evil one who comes only to kill, steal, and destroy. Evil has no ultimate control over us. In the end, we win! For believers in Jesus, this life is as close to Hell as we’re ever going to get. Even death is a win for the believer. Our King reigns over all. He loves us more than we can imagine. His is the Kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. ([Matthew 6:13](#)). Jesus is our only Hope.

### **CONVERSATION STARTERS**

- What was one of your strangest childhood fears?
- Picture in your mind a place that represents “complete calm” to you. What do you envision?

### **SERMON NOTES REVIEW**

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

### **WATCH THE VIDEO**

([Watch the Small Group Video Here](#))

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. How have you thought about the “fear of the Lord” and has that changed now?
2. Read aloud [Mark 4:37-41](#).
  - What is the “furious squall” you are currently going through?
  - What have you been doing to keep your boat (life) from being swamped?
3. Chad stated this week we need to shift our fear of the storm to the fear of the Lord and the result is “complete calm.” When we submit ourselves to the fear of the Lord, it is submitting in reverence to such an extent we submit ourselves to His loving care and awesome power. It is also no longer trusting in what I can do, but what He can do. What are some of the reasons it is often so hard to make the switch from fear of the storm to fear of the Lord?
4. Read aloud [Psalm 111:10](#); [Proverbs 1:7](#); [Proverbs 19:23](#). What do these verses teach will be the result of fearing the Lord?

5. As you go through this week, remember the fear of the Lord is:

- Prayer over Panic
- Worship over Worry
- What God has Spoken over my Emotions

Which one of these statements can bring you the most comfort now during the “furious squall” you are going through?

## **PRAYER**

[Matthew 6:9–13](#)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

## **UPCOMING ITEMS**

Starting the week of September 21, we will be offering a new opportunity for you to grow as a parent. You can go through this 6-week Parenting study in your small group. Contact your Next Steps Director at your campus to receive the Parenting curriculum for your group. You can also learn more at <https://www.sunvalleycc.com/parenting/>

If you said YES to Jesus this last week, we want to celebrate with you and get you started off right. Go to [yes.sv.cc](https://www.sunvalleycc.com/parenting/)

It is not too late for you to be baptized. If you haven't yet been baptized, register at [baptism.sv.cc](https://www.sunvalleycc.com/parenting/)

Take the 40 days of Hope challenge at [hope.sv.cc](https://www.sunvalleycc.com/parenting/)

- Attend a service every week ([live.sv.cc](https://www.sunvalleycc.com/parenting/))
- Join a small group ([groups.sv.cc](https://www.sunvalleycc.com/parenting/))
- Watch the daily devos ([daily.sv.cc](https://www.sunvalleycc.com/parenting/))
- Attend prayer time online Wed @ 7:00pm ([live.sv.cc](https://www.sunvalleycc.com/parenting/))