



Discussion Questions

Sermon title: "The Fear of Tough Places"

Speaker: Pastor Dale Hummel

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Don't feel pressured to cover every single question, especially in the "Let's Dig" section.

LifeGroup Discussion Questions

Let's Talk

1. What is one strong hope you have for 2015? Why is this important to you?
2. What was a highlight for you of 2014? Why was that so special?

Let's Dig

1. What is one thing Pastor Dale said that you want to discuss?
2. What is one of your fears? Why?
3. What are some strategies you have tried to overcome fear in your life? Were they helpful?
4. Have you ever experienced God leading you on "the long way" rather than "the short way"? What was that like? How did you handle it and what was its impact?
5. As a group, name 5 times in the Bible where God allows people to be in a difficult place in order to accomplish his purpose, bring glory to himself, and provide his best for the people involved. What do you learn as you review these events?
6. Andrew Murray sought to be "abandoned to Christ." What do you think of that purpose for life? What helps you be abandoned to Jesus? What hinders you? What do you need to change?
7. What do you learn from Jesus' example of being "abandoned to God"? What place do you think fear had in Jesus' life?
8. D. Elton Trueblood wrote, "Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation." Your response? As a group, name 5 examples of this kind of faith in the Bible. What do you learn from these people?
9. Are you in a cul de sac due to your own choices? Have you asked God for forgiveness and for his help in leading you out of the cul de sac?

Let's Act

1. Identify one specific area of fear in your life and choose one specific, practical way to follow Jesus this week and trust that he is greater than your fear.

For Next Week

1. Next week's sermon is titled, "Conquering the Fear of Losing Control." Pastor Dale Hummel will be speaking.
2. To prepare please read Exodus 14:3-4 and pages - of "Red Sea Rules."

