The Life Challenge

Title: Do Not Fear Text: Isaiah 41:10

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WARM-UP

Over the last several weeks, the fear over the coronavirus has spiked as the number of infections, deaths, and locked down countries has multiplied.

- How are you doing with all of this?
- What is causing you to be afraid?
- Who are you staying connected with despite the social distancing?

DISCUSSION

Read Isaiah 41:10 and ask the Spirit to help you with fear.

The emotion of fear is brought up a lot in the Bible (300+ times) and God or Jesus speaks this command about 70 times, "Do not fear."

- Using a concordance or Bible tool, find several more statements about fear (ie. Psalm 23, John 14:27).
- What are your reflections about this often repeated word to people?

Reflect on your life experience: what does fear do to you?

The command, "do not fear" is most often followed by an affirmation of God's character and/or a statement of God's action.

• Read Isaiah 41:10 again and reflect/journal in your own words how this helps you deal with fear.

How has God completely addressed our fear—the characteristics that he has manifested and the action that he has taken—through sending Jesus to redeem the world?

• Express in your own words what the Biblical answer is to your fear.

What are some ways that you can help others (adults and children) face this COVID-19 pandemic by overcoming fear?

Connect with someone by phone, email, or social media to talk about your Life Challenge reflections and pray for each other.