



Healthy Groups Keep A Balance In What They Do: Spend equal amounts of time connecting with each other (Fellowship), prayer and sharing how God is working in your life (Worship), growing in your faith through study and discussion (Discipleship), serving others both inside and outside your group (Ministry), and reaching out to those around with the message of Jesus Christ (Evangelism).

Fellowship:

- ⊙ How are you doing? Catch us up on your life. What has been a high and a low in your life since this group last met? How have you seen God work in your life since this group last met?
- ⊙ What is the scariest thing you have ever experienced in your life?

Discipleship:

- ⊙ At the end of Exodus 20 we see a fascinating dialogue between Moses and the Israelites...
- ⊙ Read Exodus 20: 18-21
 - ¹⁸ When the people heard the thunder and the loud blast of the ram's horn, and when they saw the flashes of lightning and the smoke billowing from the mountain, they stood at a distance, trembling with fear.
 - ¹⁹ And they said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen. But don't let God speak directly to us, or we will die!"
 - ²⁰ "Don't be afraid," Moses answered them, "for God has come in this way to test you, and so that your fear of him will keep you from sinning!"
 - ²¹ As the people stood in the distance, Moses approached the dark cloud where God was.
- ⊙ Answer the following based upon verses 18-21.
 - ⇒ Why were the Israelites afraid they would die if they spoke directly to God?
 - ⇒ Based upon this information how would you describe the Israelites relationship with and view of God?
 - ⇒ How would the fear of God keep the Israelites from sinning?
 - ⇒ Is it good to do what you do because of fear? Why or why not?
 - ⇒ Contrast Exodus 20:20 with I John 16b-18. What should be our motivation for all that we do? Why?

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. ¹⁷In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. ¹⁸There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.



