

Discussion Guide: Fear No Evil

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42 (NIV)

January 12, 2003: "Fear No Evil " by Rich Vincent - Pastor Singles Ministries CPC. Pastor Rich led us in a study of Psalm 23, John 10 and Revelation 7 to show how like the good shepherd of Psalm 23 and John 10, Jesus *provides, protects* and *guides* us along our journey through life's ups and downs. And he does this not from afar, but as a *constant companion*. When we wander off, as we are prone to do¹, Jesus pursues us with his goodness and mercy all the days of our lives.

It was through David's experience in life's journey with Yahweh as his constant companion that he came to know God and see him as "his" shepherd². Through the many difficulties of his life he experienced God's abundant provision and tender care, like that of a shepherd who cares for his flock.

Editors Note: The complete text of Rich's marvelous and uplifting message is available at <http://www.theocentric.com/theoarchives/000052.html>. After reading the text, take a couple of minutes and add your comments to the comment section at the top right corner of the web page. I'm sure Rich would appreciate hearing from you.

Discussion Questions:

- Describe some of the fears and anxieties you see manifested in the lives of others around you? How do they respond?
- How do you deal with fear and anxiety when it appears in your life? What would you like to do differently?
- Why does Yahweh maintain such a high level of pursuit³? How can we apply this principle of pursuit to our lives and relationships with others?
- How can we participate in the peace of God when our journey takes us through our valleys of life with all of the accompanying fears and anxieties⁴?
- Can you say, like David, "The Lord is **my** shepherd?" Is he your constant companion who provides, protects and guides you along your journey?

¹ Isaiah 53:6

² Psalm 23:1

³ Psalm 23:6 (NET), John 3:16, Matthew 18: 12-14

⁴ John 14:27; 16:33, Matthew 7:24-27, John 15:5, Galatians 5:22, Philippians 4:4-7