

# LESSON

plan

## Lostness & Wrath

**fear of the Lord - reality vs. self-reference - justice & love**

Proverbs 10:9-10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,  
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

### Primary Scripture Passages:

- Matthew 10:24-39
- Romans 1:18-32; 3:19-26
  - extra: 2:1-11
- Matthew 6:33
- Isaiah 53:6

### Practice from the module:

- For Jesus followers: setup a chat with a non-Christian friend and attempt to explain why self-centered living is spiritual lostness, why it's good that God has wrath and what it means to fear the Lord
- For non-disciples: write down your problems, questions and frustrations with this teaching.

### Guide for Discussion:

- Make some time to talk through frustrations and questions, as this topic is likely to stir them up. You may want to talk it over with your mentor, in advance.

### Conversation Questions

- How is lostness a kind of uselessness?
- How have you experienced lostness to God?
- What does it mean that God requires pride of place? In general? In your life?
- Why can't God give us a partial version of Himself? What does that mean?
- How does a decent person find themselves hating God? Have you ever been there?
- How is wrath the other side of God's love? How is God's wrath a good thing?
- "God's goodness is based upon what is good for all, all the time." How does that become frustrating for individuals?

### Application:

- Have you repented of living a self-referential, rather than a fear-of-God life? What does that mean for you going forward?
- How are your daily habits, priorities and choices in line with God's reality? Where are they out of step? What is going well and what needs to change?