

THE STRUGGLE IS REAL

#ISTRUGGLEWITHFEAR

Pastor Derwin L. Gray – July 10, 2016

1. Open in prayer.

- Pray for the protection of our nations police officers.
- Pray for the families of the officers who were murdered.
- Pray for the families of the men who were killed by police in Louisiana and Minnesota.
- Pray for more churches like TC, who embody ethnic diversity and model reconciliation.

2. In light of the horrific events that have occurred in America this past week, how did having Kerr Putney, Chief of Police at Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, impact you?

3. Pastor Derwin said, "Because we are not in the New Heavens and Earth yet, we will battle fear." What do you think about this?

4. Discuss Pastor Derwin's statement, "Fear is a cruel thief that steals your opportunities, robs you of your joy, and sucks the life out of today."

5. How do you overcome fear? Remember:

- a. Fear is not from God, power is. Read 2 Timothy 1:7, Romans 8:11, Philippians 4:12-13, and discuss.
- b. Fear is not from God, love is. Read 2 Timothy 1:7 and Romans 8:31-39, and discuss.
- c. Fear is not from God, self-control is. Read 2 Timothy 1:7 and Philippians 4:6-9 and discuss.

6. Pastor Derwin said, "Never forget: God will use what makes you afraid to build your faith." How does this affect the way you engage fear?

7. Close in prayer. Pray for those in your life that don't know Christ and ask Him to help you build a relationship with them. Pray about inviting them to TC if you sense the Lord leading.