

## **Battlefield 15 – Fear of Man**

### **Leader's Guide**

- 1. What are some ways we can care too much about what others think? (We can be so afraid that we don't share our opinions or express ourselves. We can base our moods and self-worth on whether people like us.)**
- 2. How can fear of man cause us to compromise? (We can go against our consciences and do things we really don't want to do – like getting drunk.)**
- 3. How does fearing people give them power over us? (We can let ourselves be manipulated, controlled, and used. We can give people the place that only God should have in our lives.)**
- 4. What 2 choices do we have according to Proverbs 29:25? What is the result of each choice? (We can choose fear of man or trusting God. If we fear man, we will be in a trap. If we trust God, we will be kept safe.)**
- 5. What did fear of man cause Abraham to do? (He lied and was selfish by saying that Sarah was his sister. He didn't protect her.)**
- 6. What could've happened to Sarah? How did God protect her? (She could've had to have sex with a foreign king. Abraham could've lost his wife. God sent a terrible disease to Pharaoh and the whole palace.)**
- 7. How did Moses' brother Aaron go against his conscience? (Aaron wanted to be popular with the people and let them pressure him to make the golden calf.)**
- 8. How did Moses react when he saw the idol worship? (He was furious, threw down the 2 tablets, burned the calf, ground it into powder, threw the powder into the water, and forced the people to drink it.)**
- 9. How did Aaron's fear of man hurt many people? (3000 people died and God sent a plague. See Exodus 32.)**
- 10. How did people in Jesus' day struggle with the fear of man? (They didn't say they believed because they didn't want to be kicked out of the synagogue.)**
- 11. Are you saying yes to people and no to God? How? (Answers will vary.)**

**12. How can 1 John 4:18 help you with your fear of man? Ask God to show you how much He loves you! Ask Him to touch your emotions and change you! (God's perfect love expels all fear. If you truly experience how much God loves you, you will be secure enough to stand up to people.)**