

ICE BREAK

- Who is a person you have held in Awe?
- Share about a person who, in certain respects, has held you in awe?

STUDY

This week we dig deeper into Fear of God and how that affects all other fears”.

What did you hear in this week’s sermon that was new about the power of fear as a spiritual motivator?

- 1. Read Psalms 31.19, Proverbs 3.7-8, 14.26-27, 15.16, 19.23 The Fear of the Lord leads to blessings.**
a.How does the word AWE help us understand an aspect of fear of the Lord? b.How did that lead to specific blessings to people in these passages? c.How has Awe and Respect for God transformed your life?
- 2. Losing the Fear of the Lord winds up being steered by lesser fears.** a.Give examples in the Bible when that was true. b.Give specific examples of lesser fears. c.Talk about when you were held hostage by what others would think. d.How do fears of specific people or societal pressures hamper our fear of God. What specific fear of God led you to new life and blessed others?
- 3. Isaiah 11.2-3 Matthew 10.28-31 Jesus and the Fear of the Lord** a.How did Jesus show that he feared God in his life, relationships and ministry? b.Give examples of when Jesus did not fear what others thought. d.How does He compare fear of God to fear of others? e.How is fear of God related to our value to Him? **John 18.4-6** d.How did Jesus cause reactions of fear towards him?
- 4. “The carnal person fears man, not God. The strong Christian fears God, not man. The weak Christian fears man too much, and God too little.” John Flavel** a.Talk about how this quote has rung true in your life. b.How has your fear of what people think

and people pleasing been harmful and affected your relationship with God?

5. Jeremiah 32.38-40 a.How has a distorted fear of God in the past lead you away from Him? b.Describe the fear of the Lord that has drawn you to Him. c.Is the tendency of God's nature to run away from us or draw near to us when we are afraid of something?

- a. How has your notion about the Fear of God matured during these messages?
- b. In what specific ways does God nurture a healthy, powerful fear of Him?

REFLECT

- Reflect and Discuss how you can share and demonstrate to others your Fear of God

PRAY

- Pray for each other's need to grow in fear, respect and awe of our Father..
- Follow up on past prayer requests.
- Pray for the mission to live a life that is **fearless of others and fearful of God..**