"The Fear of Success" - Psalm 112:1-10

Opening Question:

What is the scariest movie you have ever seen? How did it stick with you?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Pastor Matt mentions that fear often leads to bad decisions. Can you share an experience where fear negatively impacted your choices?
- 2. The sermon suggests that fearing God leaves no room for other fears. How might this perspective change how you approach your daily worries and anxieties?
- 3. Solomon states that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7). How does this connect to the idea of wisdom in your life?
- 4. In what areas of your life do you find it most challenging to prioritize 'fearing God' over other concerns or influences?
- 5. How does the concept of wisdom being rooted in the fear of God challenge or affirm your current approach to decision-making and life choices?
- 6. The pastor outlines several qualities that develop from fearing God: generosity, righteousness, justice, and compassion. Which of these do you find most challenging to cultivate in your own life, and why?
- 7. How might regularly practicing communion, as mentioned at the end of the sermon, help us maintain a proper "fear" or focus on God?

Practical Application:

- 1. Fear Inventory: Make a list of your current fears or anxieties. Next to each one, write a truth about God that could help counteract that fear.
- Wisdom in Action: Identify one area in your life where you need wisdom. Commit to praying for God's guidance and seeking counsel from Scripture or mature believers.