

DISCUSSION GUIDE



Gospel Communities 3/27/22

Icebreaker: What would you do if you weren't afraid? This appears to be a simple question, but it is quite probing! Allow the group to think and come up with some answers.

Read Luke 12:4-7

1. Before this sermon, how have you always thought about the fear of God?

2. Do you feel like fearing God is a "front burner" value for Christians today? Why? Why not?

3. Here is how Tony defined the fear of God:

"Fearing God is a joyful, loving, worshipping disposition of the heart. It is awakened and sustained by the love and goodness of God which causes the child of God to tremble before His majesty, quake before His holiness, and wonder before His sovereignty."

- Is there anything in that definition that surprises you or what you are not used to when thinking about the fear of God? What?

- Can you explain this understanding of fearing God to someone who has no idea what it means? How would you describe each part of it?

4. Tony said that these are the four "paths" to walk if you want cultivate the fear of God in your heart:

- (1) Seek a radical, consistent transformation of your heart**
- (2) Abide at the foot of the cross**
- (3) Take time to be amazed**
- (4) Keep yourself in the love of God**

- Come up with one or two things, for each of the four, that you can do to live them out in your life.

Pray together!