

## Living Freely Under The Fear of God

Small Group Discussion

Luke 12:4-7

### Opening Question:

- ❖ *(Leaders: the goal of these introductory questions is to help break the ice—they give everyone the chance to “loosen their tongue” by answering a safe, non-threatening question, that also begins orienting to the topic at hand).*
- ❖ As we talk about this passage, who is the most courageous person you personally know? What about them makes them courageous?
- ❖ Begin your time together with a moment of silence, then pray and ask for God’s Spirit to shape us through his word.

**Read** Luke 12:4-7, then discuss the following.

- Read Proverbs 29:25. What warning did Jesus give his disciples?
- What does fear have to do with hypocrisy?
- Now, read Luke 12:8-9. Why would Jesus say this to his disciples? What would they face that has to do with fear?
- How would you define the fear of the Lord?
- What is the value of fearing God (look at Proverbs 1:7; 10:27; 14:26;16:6)
- In Proverbs 14:26, we learn that the fear of the Lord is a refuge. How is the Fear of the Lord a refuge for us?
- Read Luke 12:6-7 and Matthew 6:25-56 and Matthew 6:22. How is the Fear of the Lord complemented by His great love? What kind of fear should we have as Christians?

- **Application Questions:**

- **Pastor Erik mentioned that “we often fear the one we shouldn’t instead of fearing the one we should.” Where have you seen the Fear of Man manifest in your life? How has it paralyzed you?**

**Pastor Erik mentioned that one of the ways we combat the Fear of Man is growing in the Fear of the Lord. WE can only grow in the Affectionate Reverence of the Lord through meditating on his word. What does it look like for you to grow in the Fear of the Lord? What is preventing you from doing this?**

**As we think about the care and intentionality of God, how has He recently demonstrated His loving care for you recently? Praise God for this!**

### Sharing/Prayer

- As always, take some time to share areas where you need people to pray for you.
- Depending on your comfort level, you should pray for each other to grow in the freedom that comes from Fearing the Lord.