

FOLLOW CLOSELY

...in Christ's Peace

FEAR THAT FREES YOU FROM FEAR

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Introduction:

Big Idea:

Let the _____ of the Lord set you _____
from all other _____.

- ◆ Do NOT fear... man's _____.

3 Ways the Fear of Man Shows Up in our Lives

- 1) "People will _____ me." (_____ me, _____ me)
- 2) "People will _____ me."
- 3) "People will _____ me."

Adapted from When People are Big and God is Small by Ed Welch,
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- ◆ FEAR... God's _____.

- ◆ Do NOT Fear... because you _____ the Lord to _____
for those who _____ him.



Personal Reflection and Application:

1. What causes fear or anxiety in your life? Do you see any of the three ways that the fear of man shows up in your life?
2. Identify how God is more powerful than whatever fear you identified in question 1. How does the gospel set you free from that fear? (if you can't answer that question, ask someone for help)
3. Pray and entrust your specific fears to God. Pray and believe the promise of Psalm 118:5-6 for yourself: *"Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"*

Gospel Community Discussion Questions:

1. Read Luke 12:4. "Do not fear" is such a common and necessary sentence throughout the Bible. ***What specific fears do you deal with or have you dealt with in your life? (Maybe even answering this question is fearful!) How have you seen the fear of man in your life (see "three ways the fear of man shows up" from Welch's book).***
2. Read Luke 12:5, Psalm 118:5-6, and Psalm 33:18-19. **How does the fear of the Lord set us free from other fears? What is the relationship between the fear of the Lord and the gospel?**
3. *Read Luke 12:6-7 and Proverbs 29:25. Practically, what does it look like to trust the Lord in the face of fear? Give an example of how this has worked or needs to work in your own life.*

Breakout Time

Split your group into men and women to pray for one another and speak the gospel of grace into one another's lives. Discuss any prayer updates and celebrate any growth or answers to prayer.