



Greater Than: Fear

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How are we to understand fear? Should we admit it? Deny it? Overcome it? This week Mike unpacks some myths about fear and points to some helpful ways to address our fears through confident trust in God.

WITH THE GROUP



LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

What first comes to mind when you think of “your fear”?



LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

Why did Jesus greet his disciples so often with the words, “fear not” or “do not be afraid?”

What is the origin and meaning of the word “hypocrite”? Why is hypocrisy such an important issue for Jesus to address with his disciples? (Luke 12:1)



LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What part of the sermon or passage most encouraged you, challenged you or helped you gain new perspective?



LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

Tim Keller has noted that our fears tell us something about our idols. What we fear most may tell us what we love most. Describe a time when fear nearly overwhelmed you. What were you scared of? How did you face it? On a scale of 1 to 10, what level of fear do you carry around day-to-day?

Mike shared a story about Billy Graham being accused of something and then responding by confessing even more than he was accused of. What is confession and how can it help us reduce our fear? What is the power behind confession?

DIGGING DEEPER

What is meant in Luke 12:8-10? Is there an unforgivable sin? What does this mean?

Jesus attacks hypocrites, but aren't all Christians hypocrites? Certainly you've heard that charge before. How would you respond?

How is Luke 12:4-7 different than Matthew 6:25-34? Are there differences between fear and worry?

GRADUATE LEVEL

Consider passages around verses like Exodus 3:6, Joshua 5:14 or Isaiah 6:5. What is the “fear of the Lord?”