



2) Put yourself and your glory in the proper place.

*When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? - Psalm 8:3*

*“When you become less preoccupied with yourself and more preoccupied with God that’s the key to your joy and freedom. God does not satisfy you by giving you great thoughts about yourself but by filling you with a great awareness of Him”*

- John Piper

*How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?*

- John 5:44

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*“Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.” - John 12:42-43*

## Community Group Discussion Questions

- 1) Read Proverbs 29:25 - Look at the contrast between the fear of man and trust in God. What stands out to you?
- 2) In what ways does the fear of man show up in our lives?
- 3) Do you agree with the statement: What or who you need will control you. Why or why not?
- 4) Think about the picture shared of an idol with scaffolding around it. In what ways, are the people we look to for significance like that idol?
- 5) Read Luke 14:26 - What was Jesus saying here?
- 6) How can we take people “off the throne” in our lives?
- 7) Read Psalm 8:3 - What does this verse tell you about our glory compared to God’s?
- 8) Pastor Daniel shared “*We are often more concerned about looking stupid (fear of man) than we are about acting sinfully (fear of God).*” Give one example of this in your life.

Before closing in prayer go around the circle and quickly share one way you struggle with the fear of man. For example; peer-pressure, over-commitment, self-esteem, comparison, envy. Pray together as a group for these things to be broken by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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