



## *“Fear No Man”*

### **Opening Discussion:**

“Men love everything but righteousness and fear everything but God.” – Vance Havner

### **Small Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Read Matthew 10:24-33: Can we expect any better treatment than Jesus himself received? How was Jesus treated?
2. In verses 26-27 the disciples are told NOT to do something. What is it? The disciples are told to DO something on verse 27. What is it? How does this fit in with Jesus' great commission statement which is yet to come?
3. In verse 28 the presupposition is that there is a true or authentic life beyond physical existence. How is this to affect the way we live? What does a healthy fear of God look like?
4. In verse 29-31 the fear of the Lord is balanced by his loving providence. Why do we need both of these realities as a part of our theology? Which part of our theology do we tend to emphasize?
5. In verse 32-33 we see the outworking of whom we are to fear. We are being taught to sacrifice short-term human approval for long-term divine approval. Do you think that these verses are a hard teaching? Why or why not?
6. Read Matthew 26:69-75: Did Peter deny Jesus? Was he rehabilitated? The stark nature of Jesus' words need to be understood to refer to a settled acknowledgment or denial rather than a temporary lapse under pressure.

### **Prayer Time:**

Spend some time praying for one another. Pray that we would be characterized by our fear of God, not of man.