

# Session #3 – Replacing Fear with AWE

Isaiah 11:3 – “And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord”

1. In this session we learned that humans experience the fear of God in two different ways. Our initial fear brings a sense of dread as the Spirit begins to open our eyes to see God as He truly is and our selves in an honest light. Why do you think this realization leads us to a sense of dread?
2. Pastor Mark illustrated the way our fear of God can change from dread to delight in the story of Narnia, by C.S. Lewis. As the story unfolds what things do the children see the great and fearsome lion do that changes their initial perspective?
3. Although both fears recognize the bigness of God and our own smallness. One leaves us overwhelmed with dread, while the other leads us to a sense of delight. What makes that possible?
4. What are some stories of Jesus' life or personal experiences which have helped you make the bridge from initial dread to delight?
5. One of the benefits of awe, is being brought to a humbled sense of our own smallness without tipping us into a self=preservation mode. Why do you think that is?
6. Michael Card, a theologian and songwriter, describes the awesome gift of knowing God as, “looking into your judges eyes and seeing your Savior there.” Have you ever had the experience of knowing you deserved punishment but instead you were given mercy? How did that change you?