

About the Series

How do we cope with life's many challenges and the weight of sin's consequences? How does God work in the lives of the people He loves? The book of Isaiah answers these questions and many more as it takes us on a life-changing journey from warning to redemption, reminding us of a faithful God who never leaves us, and calling us to trust the Savior who breaks through the darkness and brings hope and new life.

**#20: Be Afraid**

Dr. Stephen G. Tan | Isaiah 50:10–51:8

» Watch

Watch the sermon. As you watch, take notes on anything that stands out to you. Pay careful attention to the context of the biblical text, insights and principles highlighted, and any supporting scripture mentioned.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

What does fearing God look like in real life?

- Obey God and trust His Word
- Recall God's past actions
- Acknowledge God's awesome power
- Do not fear people, but fear God

» Talk It Through

1. Think about a time when you were more careful about doing something simply because you knew there would be consequences. What changed in your behavior once you became more aware of those consequences? How is that similar to or different from fearing God?
2. Isaiah tells God's people to look back at Abraham and Sarah and remember how God had worked through their story. Why do you think remembering what God has done in the past can help us trust Him with what we're facing now?
3. The sermon points out that we can sometimes treat God like someone we call only when we need something, while ignoring Him when we want to do things our own way. Are there areas of your life where you find yourself wanting God's help but resisting His direction? What might that reveal about what you really trust?
4. The message ends by challenging us to focus our fear on God rather than wasting our energy being afraid of people's opinions, failure, or things we cannot control. What is one "wrong fear" you want to stop giving so much attention to, and what would it look like to redirect that attention toward honoring God?

» Pray

Close your time together with prayer.