

Weekly Discussion Guide – 10-16-2022

1. In a list of fears, where would “fear of disappointing God” rank for you? How does your life reflect the presence or absence of this fear?
2. Read Matthew 9:1-8. If you are reading with a group or class, compare how your different Bibles translate Matthew 9:2.
3. How do “take courage” and “your sins are forgiven” go together? What is the relationship between knowing our sins are forgiven and having courage rather than fear?
4. Read Genesis 3:1-13. This is the first appearance of fear in the Bible. What does this passage teach us about the relationship between sin and fear?
5. How does this help clarify the relationship between knowing our sins are forgiven and living without fear?
6. How might it impact your life to know you are not a disappointment to God, that you are fully accepted by God and covered by His grace, and that though you have failed you are not a failure?