

## Weekly Discussion Guide – 1-12-2025

“Awe Amnesia”  
Genesis 3:1-13

**Opening Prayer:** Gracious, loving God, would you open our hearts and minds to understand your Word that we might be doers of it and not merely hearers? Please help us engage, connect, be curious, be authentic, and grow with You and one another. Amen.

1. On a scale of 0-10, how “in awe” would you say you are of God this week? What is the reason for your answer?
2. Read Genesis 3:1-13. How did the serpent tempt Adam and Eve to chase awe somewhere other than God and what He provided? How did God immediately respond in grace, and what was the effect?
3. When has familiarity with someone or something decreased your sense of awe, reverence, or appreciation?
4. What causes you, like Adam and Eve, to feel doubt or skepticism toward God, His promises, and His provision? What helps you return to a place of awe and trust even when understanding is limited?
5. Compare Genesis 2:9 and 3:6. In what areas of your life might the desire for something “good” tempt you away from God’s “better”?
6. Shame makes us hide from God and distance ourselves from Him and others. How can you actively resist that reaction, pursue His presence, and practice authenticity with Him and others?
7. Rewrite Adam and Eve’s response to the serpent as if they had maintained their awe of God. In what ways does awe of God protect us from falling into sin when temptation comes our way?
8. How can you intentionally cultivate awe and reverence for God in your daily life to combat the effects of familiarity and shame?

**Closing prayer:** God, You are awesome yet personal. Reawaken us to Your greatness and love, heal our shame, and help us walk closely with You.