

**DEAR PARENTS**

We want to partner with you to lead your student through their faith journey. We know it can be challenging, and you might not know where to start. Don't worry! Here are some questions about tonight's message that you can ask your student after groups to kick-start the conversation.

**Small God < Big People**

**Peer pressure, people pleasing, and co-dependency. The struggle has different names but one common feature: people are big. When the fear of man is the dominating factor in our decision making, we make people bigger than God. We allow them to control us. In this 4-week series we'll discuss how the Gospel and the fear of the Lord free us from the grips of people-pleasing and shows us a new way to love God and people.**

**Ask:**

1. What does it mean to fear man? The fear of man is replacing God with People. It's saying that what people think of me matters most.
2. How do you know if you have the fear of man? What area do you relate to most?
  - **Over Commitment** - Is it hard for you to say no to people out of fear of what they might think of you?
  - **Paralyzed** - Do you hide so that you are not exposed? Do you not participate out of fear of being rejected?
  - **Compromise** - Do you compromise what you believe, your values and convictions, out of fear of how you might be perceived by those around you?
  - **False Confidence** - Do you put on this false sense of confidence to appear to others has having everything put together?
3. Parents, share with your students examples from your life, of how the fear of man has been evident in you as junior high or high school student. Are their current examples, of the fear of man, in your life now as an adult?

Lastly, share how the Gospel has addressed your need for acceptance and love, therefore, freeing you from the fear of man.

*Vulnerability creates authenticity, which is vital as you seek to disciple those that the Lord has entrusted to you.*