

## Session 1 Viewer Guide

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The "fear of God" is one of those terms that gets used a lot in church settings but is rarely defined. In your own words, how would you summarize what you've been taught about "the fear of God"? What does it mean? What does it *not* mean?
2. At the end of the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon sums up the wisdom of his experience by saying, "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind" (12:13). How would you describe the connection between fearing God and obeying God?
3. Look again at Hebrews 12:28-29: "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our 'God is a consuming fire.'" How does the fear of God lead to worship, and vice versa?
4. The key idea in this study is that holy fear-what we might call the awe of God-is an incredibly powerful force for good in our lives. When have you experienced benefit or blessing because you chose to fear God?
5. Think back to your first encounters with God and your earliest memories of meeting Him. What emotions were most prominent in those encounters? What thoughts or feelings were most prevalent in those experiences?