**VII. Responding to fear**

 - *Culture at large*

 *Therapeutic*

 *Victimization/stoicism*

 *- The Gospel*

 *- Be a part of the Gospel community!*

***Core Seminars—Fear of Man***

**Class 5: How Do We Fear Man?**

 **We Fear They Will Harm Us**

## *“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in Hell.”* (Matthew 10:28)

## I. Introduction: Jesus commands us not to fear harm.

##  Why do we?

**II. Fear of Physical Harm**

*- Physical abuse in the family*

 *- Exploitation*

 *- Physical suffering for the Gospel*

 *- Terrorism*

 *- Racism*

**III. Fear of non-physical harm**

*- Abusive speech*

 *-Slander or derogatory speech*

 *- Sexual harassment*

**IV. How this fear of physical harm shapes our lives**

 *-**Sense of victimization*

 *-**Our view of relationships*

*- Bitterness*

**V. What we need to know about the harmful person**

*-The harmful person’s problem is not you*

 *-The harmful person needs the Gospel not our fear of them*

 *-We are all more similar to the harmful person than Christ*

 *-What if I am the one causing harm?*

**VI. Scriptural examples and response to fear of physical harm**

***Positive examples:***

*- Joshua (Joshua 1)*

 *- Esther (Esther 5:1-8)*

*- Habakkuk (Habakkuk 3)*

*- Hebrews 11:35-38*

*-Christ*

***Negative examples:***

***-*** *Abraham (Genesis 12)*

 *- Israelites approaching Canaan (Numbers 13)*

 *- Peter*