Key Verse: 2 Peter 1:5-10

Introduction: This week, we looked at adding godliness to our lives. The true definition of godliness is an inward desire to please God.

When you hear the word “godliness,” what is your initial thought on what that means?

1. Godliness starts in the heart.
   a. God doesn’t look at our outward failures, He looks at our hearts.

2. Above all, we are to please God and not people.
   a. Jesus came to please God. (John 6:38)
   b. We are to be cultivating a desire to please God.

How do you think most people define pleasing God?

3. Faith is how we please God.
   a. Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) “But without faith it is impossible to please Him.”
   b. Believe that He is and believe that He is a rewarder. In the current situation you’re in, believe He is what you need!
   c. "Now that we know what we have—Jesus, this great High Priest with ready access to God—let’s not let it slip through our fingers. We don’t have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He’s been through weakness and testing, experienced it all—all but the sin. So let’s walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help." Hebrews 4:14-16 (MSG)
   d. "Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don’t worry about missing out. You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met." Matthew 6:30-33 (MSG)

4. Two things God is looking for:
   a. Love Him with all your heart.
   b. Fear Him with all your heart.
      i. This is not being afraid of God but having a wholesome dread of displeasing Him.

What was your definition of fearing God before today?

How did this teaching change your view of God and what He’s looking for in us? Did you realize it was this easy?