

## Small Group Questions

PCC Sermon Mar 10 | *Fear & the Battles Inside*

1. How big of an issue is fear today for people in general and are Christians less or more impacted by it? How would you define fear in both its healthy and unhealthy forms?
2. Engage the jail metaphor: “God took us out of the jail (salvation) but now we need Him to take the jail out of us (sanctification)”. What insights does this give for our faith journey?
3. In 2 Corinthians 10:3-6, a paradigm is given for our internal struggles that communicates a spiritual battle with an enemy who works to establish strongholds inside our mind. Can you think of a personal example of this? (A negative thought pattern or rut).
4. Brendan outlined 6 major strongholds that the enemy would use to gain internal ground: personal sin, trauma, generational (family) sin, sexual soul ties, bitterness/unforgiveness & the occult. Which of these might you not have previously considered as a possible stronghold area?
5. Praying “out loud, specific, and with someone” was strongly emphasized in confessional and authoritative prayer. For your prayer life, how stretching would these approaches be to put into practice?
6. Luke 7:1-10, with Jesus and the Centurion, highlights the principle of authority - along with identity and obedience. Brendan emphasized “listen and obey” and allowing God to lead us in our relationship rather than the other way around, to allow Jesus’ most important thing for us right now to be ‘listened to and obeyed’. What do you think of this change in approach to our relationship? What is the one thing Jesus has been asking you to listen and obey recently?
7. Where do you see as God’s true character and heart for you related to fear and freedom? How might He be leading you to confront your fears by His Spirit’s power?