

# **DECEMBER 2, 2018**

John 21:20-25

This Changes Everything: We've Only Just Begun Speaker: Josh Weidmann, Senior Pastor

# **SUMMARY**

Recovering our awe of Christ requires that we detach the gaze of our soul from our own failings, weaknesses, lack of strength or even desire, and look intently into the face of the One who knows our every shade and shadow. In Jesus we find forgiveness, purpose, and awe that compels the Christian faith daily.

#### REFERENCES

Acts 1:6–7

I Thessalonians 2:19

□ 1 Corinthians 4:5

□ 1 Corinthians 11:26

□ James 5:8

# DISCUSSION

- Read this passage again. In the first part of the passage Peter is concerned about John. Why might it be a temptation to turn Christianity into a competition?
- In what ways are you tempted to compare yourself with other Christians? What are the negative consequences of doing that?
- How can we get to a point where we are more content with our identity, calling, and purposes, so that we don't compare ourselves with others?
- How are we to bear witness to Christ's work? In what ways do we do that? Provide some examples either based on observation or you own life.
- What does a sense of 'awe' for Christ mean to you and what are the spiritual benefits of that?
- How does it help you in knowing that we've just begun to understand the magnitude, height and depth of Christ's person, love and grace?

### THIS WEEK:

- Create space in my week to prayerfully consider what is keeping me from living in full surrender and trust of God's call on my life.
- Write down my 5-10 greatest take-aways from our study of John.
- Use the invitation ornament cards to invite someone to Christmas Eve Service.
- Buy and Read Paul David Tripp's book, Awe: Why it matters in everything we think, say and do.