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Series: Perspective

Message: The World

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The Main Thing: Make Jesus Christ the center of your world, and let everything you do point to Him.

Scriptures: Genesis 1:1; John 17:16; Matthew 6:10; John 10:10; 1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 6:12;

Bible Background Notes:

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning refers to the first occasion or initial period, here referring to the seven days of Chapter 1.

John 17:16 As believers, we are set apart from the world, just as Israel was set apart or sanctified as holy before God.

Matthew 6:10 God's name would be sanctified in the time of the end, when His kingdom would come, and then God's will would be done on earth as in heaven.

John 10:10 The thief acts for his own good, not the good of the flock. Life here was short for eternal life, the life of the world to come (Jewish notion), here Jesus provides this relationship with Himself in the present.

1 Peter 5:8 Satan here carries the connotation of adversarial accuser, accusing people before God's throne day and night. He tries to turn people away from the truth.

Ephesians 6:12 The nature of our battle is spiritual. The battle is fought by prayerfully submitting to God and doing His will.

Source: The IVP Bible Background Commentary OT/NT

Icebreaker:

What does your "new normal" look like?

What has surprised you lately?

Questions:

In what ways do we view the world through our own opinions, feelings and perspective?

How do we use Scripture to back up our own thoughts and feelings?

What was the main reason Jesus came into the world according to John 10:10?

What would you say "life to the full" looks for Christians?

How have you seen Satan try to distract you lately? (social media, excuses not to come to Journey, etc)

How have you taken your focus off of God lately and put it on the world?

What things have you been centering your worldview on?

In what ways has Satan tempted you lately to think that other people are the enemy? (politics, values, etc)

How does changing the world look different from God's point of view?

(We might be passionate about righting injustices, but if it's not done from God's perspective, it might not be the change we are truly looking to make.)

What do you think God sees when He looks at the world?

What things need to change?

How can we bring help to bring Heaven on earth right now?

How does this look different from simply working to end social injustice?

What are some practical things we can do RIGHT NOW to make God the center of our world? [Brie mentions a long list in the talk. Help them think through these and pick a couple to try and/or brainstorm some more actions they can take.]

How can EVERYTHING you do point back to Jesus?

What does this look like on your Social Media posts?

On your sports teams?

In your friendships?

In your clothing choices?

[Other examples from leaders..]

Imagine what the world would look like if we saw it ALL from God's perspective.

What would need to change for God's will to be done on earth?

How would we view other people differently?

How would we view injustice differently?

How would we view our unchurched friends differently? [seeing them as friends in desperate need of God]

Do you know God as well as you know your best friends?

If not, what needs to change in order to know Him that well?

Do you know the Bible as well as your favorite singer's song lyrics?

If not, what steps can you take to know the Bible better?

How can we celebrate the way God made us instead of putting ourselves down and wishing we looked a different way?

How does Social Media contribute to your feelings about yourself? [good or bad]

How could we use Social Media to encourage others?

How can you improve your prayer life?

Group Prayer