

GLOBAL VISION

PART 3 OF 5

SERMON-BASED QUESTIONS

OCTOBER 16 + 17, 2021

MY STORY

1. What is one of your favorite subjects or topics to talk about?
2. What things or people in your life have most shaped who you are (or who you are becoming)?
3. Go around the group, one-by-one, and have each person share their perspective on what they see as a priority/passion for each person.

DIGGING DEEPER

4. Pastor Owen mentioned that our view on most things would change if we looked at them with God's perspective, purpose, and passion. What would change most in your life if you put on "Kingdom Glasses"?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 and answer the following questions:
 - a. What is the biggest change you've noticed in your own life since becoming a new creation?
 - b. What "old" in your life has gone away? In being a new creation, what evidence do you see in your day-to-day? (What would *other* people say is evidence?)
 - c. It's so easy to lose sight of God and/or His plans. What spiritual habits do you have in place to help keep your "Kingdom Glasses" on?

CALL TO ACTION | AMBASSADOR: As you begin each day, remind yourself that you are an Ambassador. What is most challenging about keeping a Kingdom perspective? With that challenge, what can you do each day this week to combat that challenge?

6. Read and discuss this short story:

There is an old story about a wise man living on one of China's vast frontiers. One day, for no apparent reason, his son's horse ran away and was taken by nomads across the border. Everyone tried to offer consolation for the man's bad fortune, but his father, a wise man, said, "What makes you so sure this is not a blessing?" Months later, the horse returned, bringing with her a magnificent stallion. This time everyone was full of congratulations for the son's good fortune. But now his father said, "What makes you so sure this isn't a disaster?"

Their household was made richer by this fine horse the son loved to ride, but one day he fell off his horse and broke his hip.

Once again, everyone offered their consolation for his bad luck, but his father said, "What makes you so sure this is not a blessing?" A year later, nomads invaded, and every able-bodied man was required to take up his bow and go into battle. The Chinese families living on the border lost nine out of every ten men who went to fight. Only because the son was lame did the father and son survive to take care of each other. Often, what appears to be a success or a blessing is actually a terrible thing; what appears to be a terrible event can turn out to be a rich blessing.

- a. Have you ever experienced a terrible circumstance, or gone through a season that actually turned out to be something good? Share about it.

- b. How could having a Heavenly perspective alter our day-to-day living?

CALL TO ACTION | CURRENT EVENT: Think of a current situation in your life—big or small. How are you viewing it? How do you think God is viewing it?

7. Read Jonah 3:10-4:2 and answer the following questions:

- a. Explain what Jonah saw. How did it differ from what God saw?

- b. What stops us from looking at people and situations the way God sees them? Explain.

TAKING IT HOME

In one or two sentences, how are you going to practically and actually put the "Call To Action" sections from above into practice this week?

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