

Without Vision [Enduring The Journey]

Discussion Guide

Summary

The sermon focuses on having God's vision for your life and how it helps you stay strong during difficult times. Using the analogy of endurance racing, particularly triathlons, Jonathan explains that life is not a sprint but an endurance race that requires vision, preparation, and keeping focused on Jesus. The message emphasizes that true Christian life isn't about seeing how close we can get to sin without crossing the line, but rather how close we can get to Jesus.

Intro Prayer

Lord, as we gather to discuss Your Word, we ask that You open our hearts and minds to understand Your vision for our lives. Help us to see clearly the path You have set before us and give us the wisdom to recognize what might be holding us back from fully pursuing You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What's the longest physical activity or exercise you've ever completed? What motivated you to finish it?

Key Verses

- Proverbs 29:18
- Hebrews 12:1-2
- 1 Corinthians 9:24-26
- Philippians 3:12-14

Questions

- What are some 'weights' or distractions in your life that might be slowing down your spiritual race?
- How do you practically keep your eyes focused on Jesus in your daily life?
- What's the difference between just saying a prayer and being a true follower of Jesus?
- How has God's vision helped you endure through difficult times in your life?
- What does it mean to you personally to 'run with endurance the race God has set before us'?
- How can we help each other stay focused on Jesus rather than getting distracted by sin?
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in helping us run our spiritual race?
- How can we apply the concept of 'stripping off every weight' in our daily walk with Christ?

Life Application

This week, identify one thing in your life that's hindering your relationship with Jesus. Commit to taking practical steps to 'throw it off' through prayer, accountability, and seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Key Takeaways

- God's vision helps us endure through difficult times
- The Christian life is an endurance race, not a sprint
- Success comes from keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus
- The goal isn't to see how close we can get to sin without crossing the line, but how close we can get to Jesus
- We can only run this race through the power of the Holy Spirit

Ending Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for showing us that the Christian life is an endurance race that requires Your vision and guidance. Help us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, throwing off anything that hinders us from fully following You. Give us the strength and wisdom to run this race well, not by our own power, but through Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.