

Small Group Guide "Casting a Vision for the Next Year"

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Key Takeaways

1. God Knows the End from the Beginning

Long before Israel entered the Promised Land, God had already revealed through Moses both the coming rebellion and the eventual restoration of His people. Nothing in history — including the life, death, and resurrection of Yeshua — caught God off guard. His plan was set before humans ever saw it unfold.

2. Biblical Worldview Is Rare and Worth Pursuing

As of 2024, only 2 to 6 percent of Americans hold a strong Biblical worldview — one in which God's Word is the only authority and filter. This is not a saturated market. There is urgent, meaningful work to be done.

Discussion Questions

1. In Deuteronomy 32, Moses delivers a song that reveals both coming failure and future restoration for Israel — before the people even enter the Promised Land. What does it mean to you personally that God already knew every twist and turn of the story before it happened? How does that affect the way you trust Him with your own future?

2. The message notes that 1 Peter 2:8-10 describes Gentile believers as once being "not a people" who are now "God's people." How does understanding that identity — as someone grafted in rather than a replacement — change the way you think about your relationship to the Jewish people and to Scripture?

3. The pastor described transformation this way: "We should be seeking to speak like Yeshua... observe the world like Yeshua... respond to the world like Yeshua... know the Scriptures like Yeshua knows them... understand the depth of Scripture... interact with people like Yeshua did and... eventually... call on other people to be disciples." On an honest scale, where do you see yourself in that process right now? Where do you feel the most growth? Where do you feel the most resistance?

4. The message draws a distinction between intent and action: "Intent is intent. Intent is not the same as action." Where in your own walk with God do you find that gap showing up most often? What would it take to close it?

5. Matthew 28:19-20 describes making disciples and teaching people to observe all that Yeshua commanded. The sermon raises the question of whether coming to faith and becoming a disciple are sometimes presented as two separate things. Do you think they are the same thing or different things? What does your own experience tell you?

6. The pastor shared that only 2 to 6 percent of Americans hold a strong Biblical worldview, and that even among Evangelicals, a significant number are not grounded enough to withstand serious challenge or persecution. Does that number surprise you? What do you think has contributed to that reality? What is one thing you personally could do to strengthen your own Biblical foundation?

7. The message warns against what the pastor calls "Calvinism with a menorah" — replacement theology dressed up with Messianic practice but still rooted in the same flawed assumptions. Why do you think it is important to distinguish between cultural or religious packaging and actual Biblical grounding? How do you personally test what you are being taught?

8. The pastor said: "The goal is not to make gentiles Jewish or Jewish people gentiles. Attempting to keep everything balanced is like walking on a very narrow balance beam. We can wobble... but falling off to the right or to the left is not an option." What does that balance look like in practice for you? Have you ever felt pulled too far in one direction or the other?

9. The sermon describes community this way: "None of us is an island. Early Believers lived and operated in community. That means we care about each other, pray for each other, want to be buoyed up and share with others." What does genuine community look like in your life right now? Where do you feel connected, and where do you feel isolated?

10. The pastor listed several practical areas where the Fellowship needs people to step up — teaching, outreach, administration, hospitality, technical support, and more. As you heard that list, did anything stir in you? What gifts, skills, or availability do you have that you have not yet fully offered to the community?