

PERSPECTIVE

8 WORDS FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS
FAMILY SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



LET'S TALK!

#1 God's Presence Clarifies Our Perspective

- Read Luke 5:1-11. Why did Peter respond to Jesus as he did in v.8?
- Read Matthew 14:22-32. What happened when Peter kept his eyes on Jesus and when he took his eyes off Jesus?
- How does recognizing the presence of God bring clarity to our perspective?

#2 God's Truth Confronts Our Perspective

- Read Luke 22:31-34. How did Jesus confront Peter in these verses and how do you think that made him feel?
- Read Matthew 26:36-46. Peter told Jesus he would "go to prison and death for him," yet he could not even stay awake while praying. What do these verses teach us about intentions without follow through?
- Why is God's truth essential for confronting and correcting our perspective?

#3 God's grace Changes Our Perspective.

- Read Luke 22:47-62. The scripture says that after Peter denied the Lord three times, "the Lord turned and looked at Peter," and then Peter went out and wept bitterly. What do you think Peter saw in the eyes of the Lord?
- Read Mark 16:1-7. Why is Peter singled out in v. 7? How does this show God's grace?
- Read John 21:1-17. How did Jesus show Peter grace and how does understanding God's grace transform everything about our perspective?

#3 God's Calling Consumes Our Perspective

- Read John 21:18-22. Why did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him three times?
- Read Acts 2:14, 37-41. After Jesus restored Peter, he was consumed with God's calling on his life and God used him mightily. How does God use our mistakes to help us follow Him more faithfully?
- What effect does embracing God's calling on our lives have on our perspective?