

sermon notes

TOGETHER

Part 3: People Perspective

Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don’t wash their hands before they eat!” Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?”

Matthew 15:1-3

If we aren't vigilant, our perspective will distort our view of the present and ultimately hold our future captive. Today we're going to look at how we can identify our ungodly past perspectives and exchange them for God's so he can take our past and transform it from a source of frustration and relational struggle into the fuel that will sustain us throughout our future.

1. IDENTIFYING PERSPECTIVE PROBLEMS

Where _____?

2. ADJUSTING YOUR PEOPLE PERSPECTIVE

1. Don't just _____, but allow God to _____

1 Corinthians 2

2. “Are you sure you know where that came from?”

1 Corinthians 2:12

3. FUELLING YOUR FUTURE: FOCUS ON _____

Hebrews 12:2

Trust that “_____”

Romans 8:28

Be confident that “_____”

Philippians 1:6, Philippians 2:13

Decide in your heart to “_____”

James 1:2

Notes:

CONSIDER AND DISCUSS

- Share ways in which God has changed your thinking, beliefs or attitudes in the past – how did God get through to you? Did you have to change your perspective when you came to Harvest? Are there still beliefs or customs at Harvest that you have trouble accepting or believing?
- What are some ways we can open ourselves up to allowing God to change our perspective?
- What is your “go to” reaction when you feel upset or frustrated? What do you think is the source of this reaction?
- Nehemiah 8:10 says “The joy of the LORD is your strength”. What are some ways that you can draw strength from God in times of difficulty?

Personal Challenge

- Take some time this week to review your reaction to things in the past few weeks that you didn't agree with or annoyed you – are your reactions godly, Holy Spirit approved, or are they coming from wrong emotions inside of you? Ask yourself “where did that come from?”
- Our wrong perspectives often lead to emotional reactions that limit our ability to hear and see God through people and situations in our lives. Take some time to allow God to shift your perspective, and open your heart to what He may be saying to you—even if He is using an uncomfortable relationship or situation to speak!



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